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WIMBLEDON will be holding a Programme Fair at their Plough Lane ground on Sunday 11th November, from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Admission by programme — 20p in advance — 25p on the day. Refreshments available, including licensed bar.

Waddle's decision rocks Ibrox

WILLIE Waddle, the 'Godfather' at Ibrox, rocked the club when he announced his retirement.

He quit his beloved Rangers and gave up the titles of Vice-Chairman and general manager in a totally unexpected move. Waddle, 57, will, however, continue as a Director and Consultant of the club.

It appears that the pressure of work at Rangers has forced his decision after ten years of ruling the Ibrox club.

There was no disagreement with the board and a statement praised his record. Waddle, a former international winger who has been involved in top class soccer for more than 40 years, was the man behind the massive ground reconstruction that will turn Ibrox into one of the most modern stadiums in Europe.

Waddle managed Kilmarnock to the Scottish First Division title in 1965 and then quit soccer. He came back as manager of Rangers in 1969 and three years later led them to the European Cup-Winners' Cup triumph. He then became general manager with Jock Wallace in charge of team affairs.

Now Waddle, who is to Rangers what Sir Matt Busby is to Manchester United, has decided to step out of the limelight in a move that surprised even current boss John Greig.

DERBY NOT SELLING STAR PLAYERS

DERBY COUNTY's star players are not for sale at any price.

Colin Addison, (right) manager at the Baseball ground, has issued a blunt warning for clubs not to try to poach his best players.

"I will fight to keep star calibre people, like David Langan, simply because with them, we can get back to the top," says Addison. "We have the basis and I want the time to build on the foundations we have, not destroy them."

"No one of that calibre is going as long as I have a say in Derby County's affairs."

The Derby boss issued his statement to scotch rumours that he was planning a massive clearout. They started circulating in the Midlands after Addison had placed Gordon Hill on the transfer list.

Addison explains: "Without any doubt Gordon is a fine player. It is in the best interests of Gordon, and Derby County, that he should move on. A new club could give him the fresh start he needs, but let me halt rumours that other of our better players will be moving."

Meanwhile, Addison has placed a vote of confidence in his players. The club has been virtually crippled by injuries this season. Roy McFarland, Gerry Daly, Steve Powell, Roger Davies, John Duncan and Steve Carter have all been sidelined. (Now read Roger Davies on page 6.)

'HILL'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ENGLAND SQUAD'

says BOB HATTON

WIZARD dribbler David Moss is gaining the star-ratings with his performances for Second Division promotion-chasers Luton Town but the club's veteran striker Bob Hatton believes that another player is more worthy of headlines.

Ricky Hill, Luton's ebony skinned midfield player, is one of the finest young prospects in British football, says Hatton.

"He is already one of the best attacking midfield players in the country, and I reckon that if he was with a fashionable club he would walk into the England squad.

"Ricky has learned a lot from playing in midfield with Alan West, who is

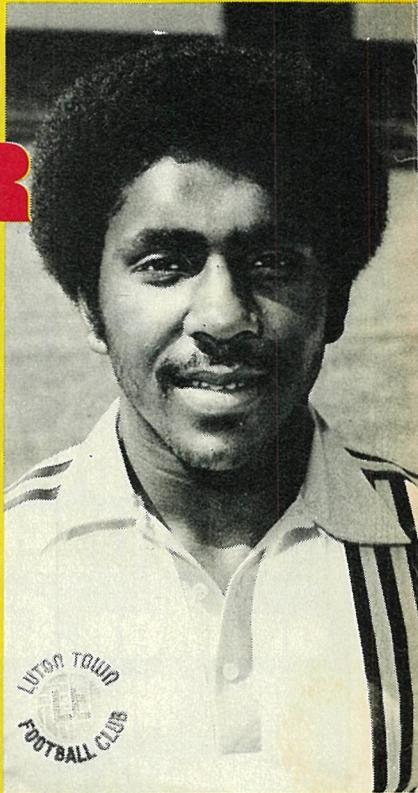
a great professional and he has quickly developed into an exciting player with a great future.

"He has so much natural ability, moves well and reads the game like a veteran."

Hatton's extravagant praise is worthy of consideration, for few professionals have had more experience than the 32-year-old Kenilworth Road favourite. He has played for Wolves, Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle, Birmingham and Blackpool.

He reckons the Second Division is as competitive as ever only marginally lower in quality than the First Division.

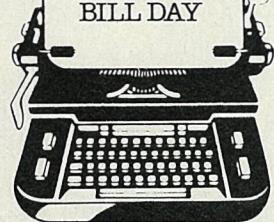
Who knows, if Luton maintain their



progress they could be welcoming Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal to their ground next season — and Ricky Hill could have some surprises in store for them.

NEWS

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BASEMENT BARGAINS

LEAGUE club scouts are not watching enough non-League matches — and they are missing out on bargains as a result.

That is the belief of someone who should know, Fulham's Welsh striker Gordon Davies.

Gordon has become a favourite at Craven Cottage after joining the London club from Southern League side Merthyr Tydfil for a mere £2,500. But he reckons there are plenty of other players outside the League who could do well if given a chance in the big-time.

"I am certain there are many good players in the likes of the Southern League," says Gordon. "The big clubs should do more scouting at that level — I'm sure they would find some bargains."

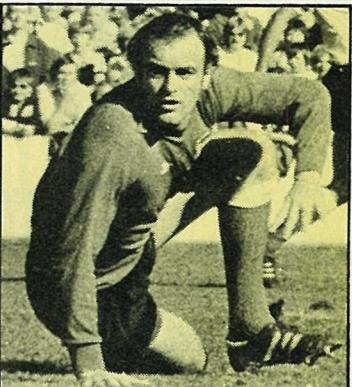
SUNDERLAND GIVEN A SHAKE-UP

WILF ROSTRON and Wayne Entwistle, two regulars in Sunderland's promotion near-miss last season, have left Roker Park — and more stars could be on the move.

Manager Ken Knighton has decided to give his team a shake-up after a disappointing start to the season.

Barry Siddall (below), Mick Henderson, Kevin Arnott, Gary Rowell and Tim Gilbert have all figured in the reserve team this season and sparked inquiries from other clubs.

Knighton won't release Siddall or Rowell, but is prepared to let Henderson go — Aston Villa and Ipswich are interested. And a good offer could tempt him to transfer Arnott.



BARNES HATES HOTEL LIFE

PETER Barnes, England's winger, has found it difficult to settle in the West Bromwich Albion side.

He said: "I haven't seen much of the ball in some games and it has been difficult to make an impression. I am concerned with my own contribution to the team but I feel some of the trouble stems from the fact that I've had to live in a hotel, which I do not enjoy."

He added: "Once I get settled into a place of my own I hope that I can put all these troubles behind me."

RITCHIE MOVING?

ANDY Ritchie, Morton's sharp-shooting striker and SHOOT's Most Exciting Player of the Year in Scotland, could have to choose between Sunderland and Birmingham if he decides to move south.

Both Second Division clubs are chasing the Cappielow favourite, who has been restless this season.

CANNON BLAST

CRYSTAL Palace's Jim Cannon played a true captain's part in their 1-1 draw with Bristol City. The Eagles were awarded a penalty, which Mike Flanagan missed. Ten minutes from the end, Palace were awarded a second spot-kick.

Over to Cannon... "Mike looked a bit dejected, so I decided to take the kick myself. It was my first-ever penalty in senior football, but as captain I had to take charge of the situation. It wasn't a very good penalty, but it went in and that's the important thing."

Belfast security breached

STEVE COPPELL (right) received the shock of his life when a fan telephoned him at England's hideaway hotel in Belfast before the European Championship game against Northern Ireland.

The hotel was bristling with security officials — so how did the fan know where to locate her England favourite?

"I'd love to come over and get your autograph, Steve," she signed into the phone. "I'm a great admirer of yours."

Coppell, as polite as ever, replied: "I'd welcome a visit but I'm afraid you'd be turned away by the security guards. It's impossible to penetrate the security screen. Sorry dear."

Thirty minutes later the England fan waltzed up to Coppell in the hotel and bagged his signature!



SUNDERLAND play an England XI at Roker Park on November 7 to commemorate their centenary.



ROBSON and ROBSON Inc.

BOBBY ROBSON, Ipswich's manager, appears to have mounted an election-style canvassing campaign aimed at winning friends and influencing people.

It's certainly a Robson inspired publicity campaign to promote Bobby's testimonial game against a full England side at Portman Road, on November 13.

But the Robson behind this project is Philip Robson, not Bobby. Philip is Bobby's proud dad, whose "I'm backing Bobby" leaflets commemorate the former England player's ten years of service as manager of Ipswich.



Hamilton tipped to succeed Danny

SWINDON'S Bryan Hamilton (left), could become the first reserve team boss to manage an international side.

The Northern Ireland veteran was appointed Swindon's reserve team player-manager at the beginning of the season. And no sooner had the former Ipswich and Everton midfielder taken over the Combination side than speculation started that he was in line to replace Danny Blanchflower as Ireland's supremo.

Blanchflower's contract runs out at the end of the season — but the man tipped to succeed him wants the ex-Chelsea boss to carry on.

"I'm flattered to be linked with the Northern Ireland job," said Hamilton. "But Danny is a super manager and the best thing that could happen to Northern Ireland is for him to carry on."

"However, I would love the chance to help Danny and Tommy Cavanagh out with coaching the squad."

TREVOR FRANCIS plays in a testimonial for Ellis Stuttard, Plymouth's chief scout, at Home Park, on November 12th.



DAVID BURNSIDE has been appointed the Football Association's organiser of coaching for the Mid-West Region.

Burnside has been an F.A. staff coach for several years.

He played for West Bromwich Albion, Crystal Palace, Southampton, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Bristol City and won caps at England Under-23 and Youth International level.

He is best remembered for his exceptional ball juggling skills. He has even performed his wizardry on stage.

MICK OR MIKE . . . it's always a problem when you're talking about someone like, Mick, er, Mick Channon.

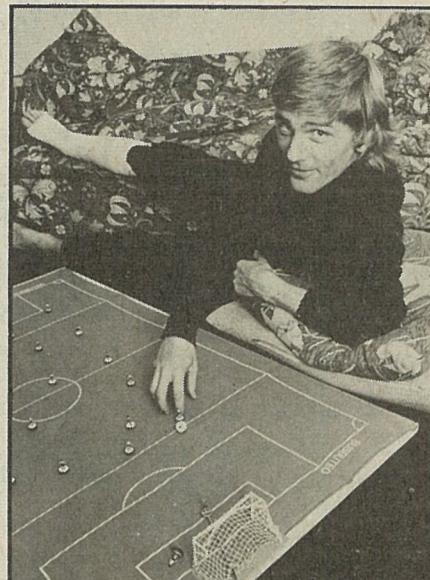
Mick Robinson, the Manchester City centre-forward, doesn't want to be called by either abbreviation.

"I was christened Michael and that is the name I prefer. If it must be abbreviated, I'd rather be called Mike, but I sign myself Michael Robinson."

FACTastic

FORMER Ards, Leeds, Coventry, Swansea and Northern Ireland winger-cum-midfielder Billy Humphries holds a unique record in Irish soccer.

Bouncing Billy, who player-managed Ards to four top awards — Irish, Ulster, Gold and Blaxnit All-Ireland Cups — in 1973-74, is the only player to collect the "Ulster Footballer of the Year" honour more than once, doing so in 1970 and again two years later.



FORMER Airdrie midfield player, Liam Gallacher, has returned to Scotland from Belgium to help Queen of the South. After being relegated last season, the Dumfries side are not finding the going easy in the Second Division and manager Billy Little obviously hopes that Gallacher's arrival will improve the situation.

P.C. McQUEEN

SCOTLAND's Gordon McQueen showed what he thinks of spectators who interrupt matches when during the European tie against Austria he crash-tackled an intruder and held him until the police took charge. There were more than 72,000 at Hampden on the night but the stupidity of this one fan is expected to cost Scotland a fine from the European Union.

ATHLONE defender Johnny Fullam is in line for a hat-trick this season. Fullam has already won League Cup medals with Bohemians and Shamrock Rovers and now his new club have qualified for this year's Final. Two years back Fullam equalled the long standing record of seven FAI Cup medals.

CHELSEA's Jim Docherty did not have long to wait when the London side gave him a free transfer on condition that he signed only for a Scottish club.

Jim McLean, of Dundee United, remembered Docherty's goal-scoring feats with East Stirlingshire before he went South and had no hesitation in offering him a full-time contract which the 23-year-old accepted.

Docherty is hoping to figure better in Dundee United's plans than he did at Stamford Bridge where he made only three first team appearances in almost a year.

MINI-SOCCER MAESTRO

THE only goals Watford's ace striker Ross Jenkins scores these days are on his table-football pitch.

For Ross spends hours at home perfecting his finger-flicks to shrink the days left before he makes his comeback for the Second Division club.

Ross is not likely to return to the team before the New Year after breaking his right ankle against Q.P.R. earlier this season. He was the country's leading scorer last season with 38 goals.

Ross's friends tell me he is just as lethal around the penalty box at table soccer.

SPECIAL REPORT



THE glorious Indian summer which at one stage looked like turning into a winter of discontent for most London soccer fans has suddenly borne fruit.

With the notable exceptions of Crystal Palace and Millwall, the chill wind of mediocrity was blowing through the capital's changing room corridors in the early stages of the season.

But in the space of one week at the end of October, the South London pace-setters were joined at the top by Spurs, Q.P.R., Chelsea and Brentford.

When Palace bounced triumphantly out of the Second Division six months ago youth team coach John Cartwright claimed they would take the top section by storm.

And how right Cartwright — now England youth manager — was. The precocious Palace kids showed they feared no one as they surged to the summit of the First Division.

It is a tremendous achievement by a club many people still can't take seriously.

The general feeling seems to be that Palace's form is a flash-in-the-pan. The cynics claim they will soon get found out and come sliding down the table.

Those who think like that could be making the biggest mistake of their lives. SHOOT reporters have seen enough of Palace already to be convinced they are good enough to sustain a serious challenge for top honours.

Spectacular

Former England skipper Gerry Francis is not in the least surprised by Palace's spectacular start to the season.

"I was convinced Palace had the ability to make a big impression — that's why I joined them."

"I could have gone to West Bromwich Albion — who were one of the teams fancied to do really well this season.

"But the potential at Palace — who have some wonderful youngsters — excited me. I saw a great future for the club and wanted to be part of it."

Arsenal — London's biggest hope at the start of the season — have taken time to get into their stride and have yet to reproduce the form which won them the F.A. Cup last season.

But they are still well placed in the top half of the table and can expect to further improve to end in the top half-dozen.

But for North London neighbours Tottenham it is a time for even greater optimism.

After a dreadful start to the season, when they looked more like relegation candidates than Cham-

LONDON BOOM?

Palace, Spurs, Arsenal,
Q.P.R., Chelsea, Millwall, Brentford
all title-chasing



Palace substitute Ian Walsh is mobbed by jubilant team-mates after scoring the equalising goal in the recent 1-1 draw with Spurs.



Kevin O'Callaghan (dark shirt) heads home against Northampton in the League Cup. Although Millwall lost the tie, they have made a fine start to the season.

pionship material, Spurs have improved beyond recognition and are now challenging strongly for a European spot.

Tommy Docherty's presence has livened the London Second Division scene — and filled Queens Park Rangers supporters with hopes of a quick return to the top flight.

Docherty breezed back into town last May — with Rangers already doomed to relegation. He has spent £1½ million in revitalising the team, and their recent 7-0 thrashing of luckless Burnley is proof that Q.P.R. are once again a force to be reckoned with.

Chelsea — relegated with Rangers last season — have also enjoyed a recent upsurge, and new manager Geoff Hurst has obviously made a big difference at Stamford Bridge.

West Ham's massive £750,000 spending spree on Ray Stewart, Jimmy Neighbour and Stuart Pearson, however, does not appear to have taken effect.

Dramatically

They have made their most auspicious start for 30 years and unless they improve dramatically in the months ahead we don't expect them to do better than finish in mid-table.

Watford's runaway gallop of the past two seasons — when they climbed from Fourth to Second Division — has, not surprisingly, been checked.

They are taking time to adjust to life in the higher sphere, while Fulham have not fulfilled the things they had promised after last season's fine effort.

Charlton and Orient were floundering in the bottom three and, frankly, we can't hold out much hope of things improving for them.

But it is a different story in the Third Division, where Millwall's recent victory at Sheffield United has taken them to within an ace of the early leaders.

Manager George Petchey has discovered an outstanding crop of teenagers, and if he can hold on to them in the face of tempting financial offers from would-be purchasers The Lions should make a swift return to the top half of the League.

Brentford are also among the early leaders, and could also be in line for promotion if they can overcome the inconsistency from which they suffered last season.

And Wimbledon, in the Third for the first-ever time, made a steady start and should do enough to consolidate their new-found status.

London has been out of the lime-light for a long time in the soccer world, but this season could herald the start of a new era.

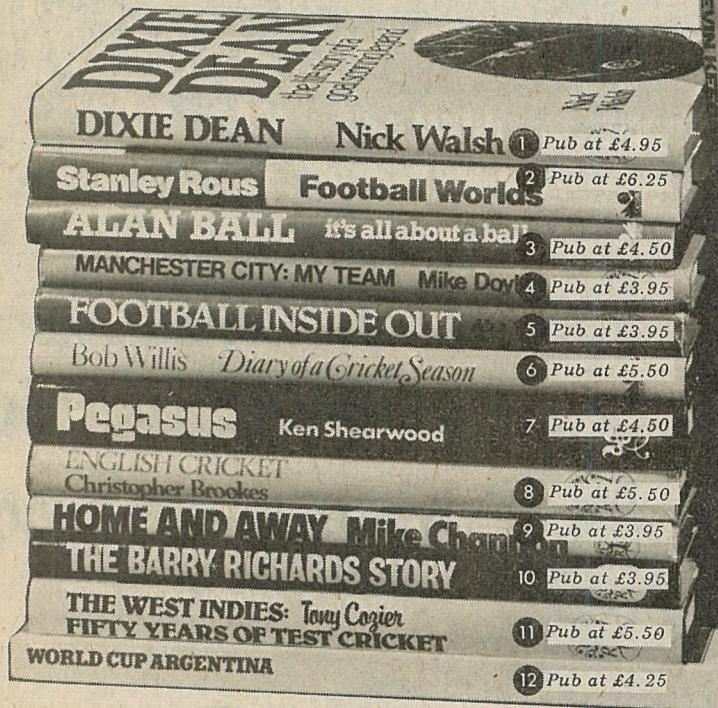
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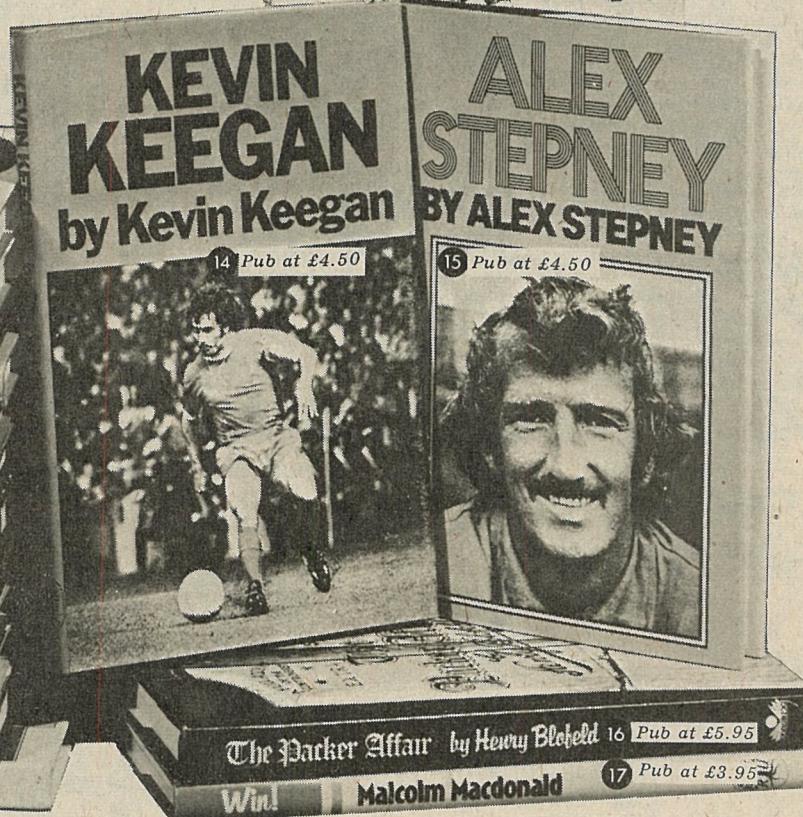
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ROGER DAVIES- Derby's Hit-Man

THE fortunes of Roger Davies's footballing career turned full circle when the 29-year-old forward signed for his old club Derby County in mid-September.

Davies, who was plucked out of non-League football at Worcester City by Brian Clough in the early 70's, and was a member of The Rams' 1974/75 First Division Championship winning side, said: "It's great to be back."

Since leaving Derby in 1976 for Belgian club F.C. Bruges, Roger has seen service with Leicester City and U.S.A. team Tulsa Roughnecks.

"Derby boss Colin Addison wanted someone to play up-front," says Wolverhampton-born Roger. "People had told him about me. I was interested in a move to England and Derby has always been the place that I would have liked to return to. It's my favourite club. It holds such fond memories.

"Colin Addison simply said that he'd had a hard time trying to find an attacking player at the right price because money was a bit limited at Derby. He asked me if I wanted to play for The Rams and I told him that I did and was signed for £40,000."



Roger Davies (light strip) outjumps Wolves defender Derek Parkin.

At one time Davies's play was very unorthodox, but not any more.

"I used to do things that you don't expect people to do," he says. "Perhaps I've learned a bit. I've matured over the years and I like to think of myself as a good target man. I can receive the ball and my main aim now is to create goals for other people."

Davies, wearing the number ten shirt, has linked up with centre-forward John Duncan.

"Obviously my understanding with John will take its time to develop into a formidable scoring

machine. We work hard on it during our training sessions and I don't think it will be long before we know exactly what each other's going to do."

"The main problems at Derby seem to lie on the injury table. It's terrible!

"I know you can always put that down as a good excuse for poor performances. But when you have people of the calibre of Steve Powell, Roy McFarland, Gerry Daly and Bruce Rioch sidelined, then you're looking at your best players. With having those out week after week, then it does make it hard going."

"Derby have had a bad time over the past couple of years as everyone knows and a lot of top quality players have been sold."

"We've had a re-shuffle and I hope it's going to work out. I hate to see the club at the wrong end of the table. The atmosphere is great between the players. We just need the time to put things together again."

"Colin Addison and his second in command John Newman are a fabulous duo. They're really enthusiastic and work hard at the job. The two of them are very straight in whatever they say. They don't talk about you behind your back and they're always eager to help. They want success and people like that deserve to succeed."

'Future'

Where do Roger's aims lie? "At the moment I want to help Derby climb the table and to see the club ticking over again. I want to be part of that. But I think some time in the future I'll probably return to America. I enjoyed it there."

"I won a League Championship medal with Derby in 1974-1975, and would love to help them return to the top of the table before I go back across the Atlantic."

"The club has had more than its fair share of problems lately, but the attitude at the moment is really good. It will take a lot of hard work, but I believe we will soon be out of the doldrums."

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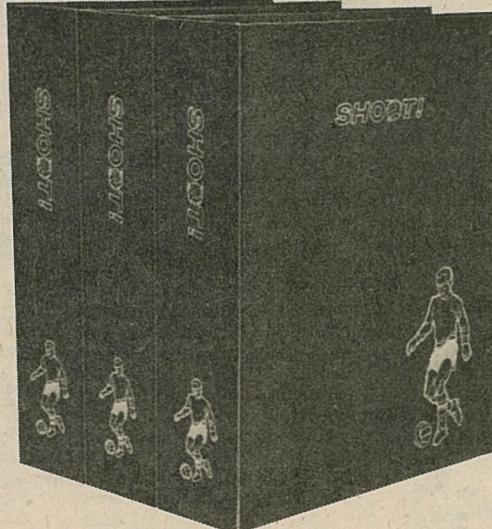
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TWO star goalkeepers in competition for a first team spot — that's the intriguing situation at Coventry City between Jim Blyth and Les Sealey.

The season before last Blyth made 40 First Division appearances and won two Scottish caps against Bulgaria and Wales. He was also a member of the Scotland World Cup squad.

But during that summer, Blyth suffered a back injury and was sidelined for the first 21 games of last season with Sealey taking on the role of first choice goalkeeper.

"I came in for five games," says Blyth, "two of which were absolute nightmares. After that, Les continued for the rest of the campaign, bar one. It was my season ruled out. I think I made my comeback too early after injury and I simply couldn't compete."

Blyth opened this term with a first-team position after playing well in pre-season games.

"We entered the Skol Trophy tournament in Scotland — which we won — and I played quite well. So I was pretty confident that I'd start as Coventry's number one goalkeeper."

During 1978-79 Sealey won England Under-21 recognition travelling with the team to Denmark.

"Phil Parkes played and I was the sub," says Les. "I was down to play in Holland. I was definitely going to get a game, but unfortunately, the match was called off because of snow."

Despite playing 36 League games and more or less establishing himself in the Sky Blues' first team last season, Sealey is not upset that Blyth is now back.

"I'm quite happy at the club," he says. "In fact, I've just signed a new two year contract.

"Gordon Milne picks the team and if he thinks he should put Jim in before me, then he does so. I can only keep on playing to the best of my ability and hope that I can regain my place.

"I think Jim's a good goalkeeper. We're not exactly drinking mates, but we're not enemies. I wish I played in the first team all the time and he was in the reserves for the rest of his career but, obviously, he's not going

LES SEALEY

COVENTRY'S NUMBER ONE RIVALS

to be."

And Blyth is equally realistic. "Les is a first class goalkeeper. He doesn't make many mistakes. He's only 21 but very mature — and he shows it on the park. I'll have to be on my toes all the time, but the best teams all thrive in a competitive atmosphere."

Ironically, both players have tried to get away from Highfield Road and have been unsuccessful. Last November, Blyth was all set to join Manchester United in a £440,000 deal, but negotiations broke down because of insurance cover on the 'keeper's back injury.

"I'd recovered from it then," says Jim, "and physically my back is sound. Obviously, I was disappointed. Everything seemed to be settled and it came as a shock when they said they couldn't get the insurance money."

In the close season Sealey's contract was at an end. "I never put myself about as you should do," he says, "and really it was a half hearted effort on my part to get away."

"No one wants reserve team football, but look at it this way. A circular was sent to the clubs and, if anybody had been really interested in spending a lot of money, then they would have come in for me, wouldn't they? So I'm stuck, but I'm happy to wait for my chance."

Sealey, born in Bethnal Green, arrived at Coventry straight from school and made his debut against

Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on April 11th, 1977.

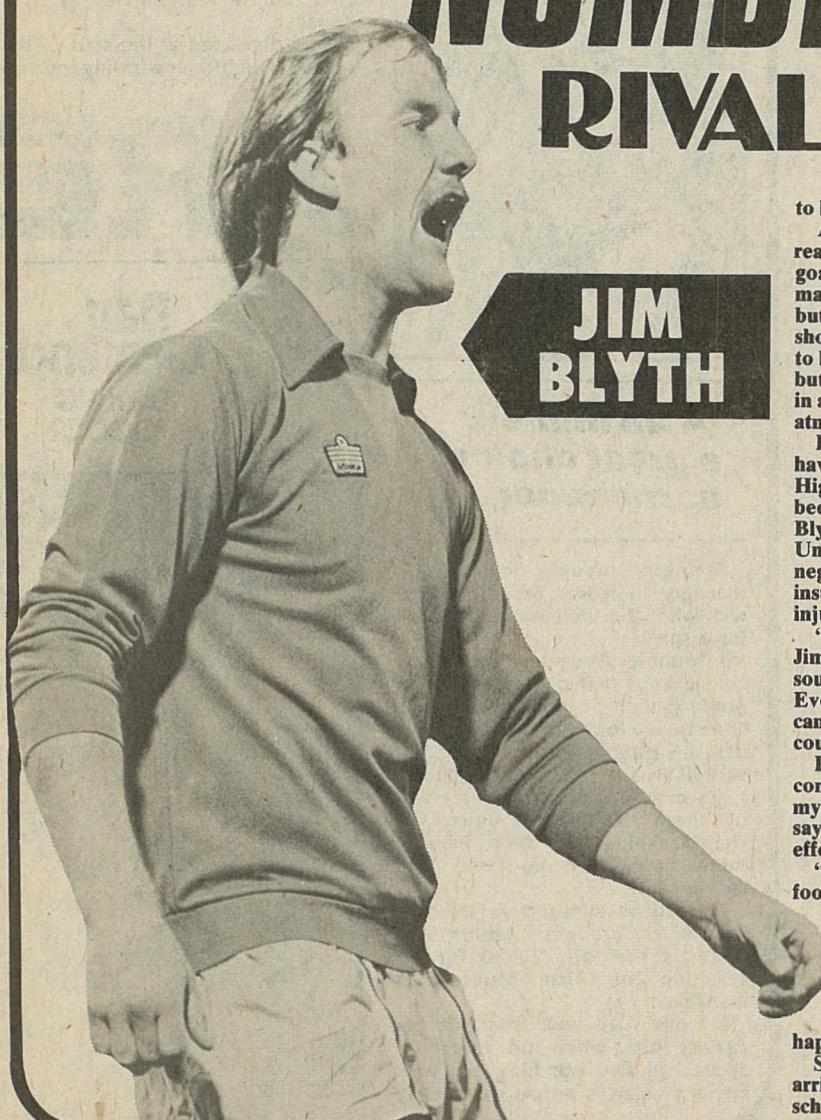
Blyth, 24, hails from Perth and joined The Sky Blues for £22,500 as a 17-year-old from Preston after playing one game for the Deepdale club. He was on loan to Hereford for the first two months of the 1974/75 season. His Coventry debut came in December, 1975, against Everton.

"I took over from Bryan King and played one or two games over the Christmas period," he says. "Then Bryan came back for a spell and played until a serious injury ended his career. Then I finished the season."

"I'm happy with my game at the moment, and as long as I can continue to play well, then there's always a chance of gaining a recall to the Scotland team. Alan Rough and George Wood have both had their turns and neither have made the place their own. I feel the chance is there to be taken."

Meanwhile, the battle for the number one spot at Coventry City goes on.

JIM BLYTH



What do you know about the police?

C.I.D.

1. What does "C.I.D." stand for?

2. Is a chequered cap band the sign of a particular Police rank?

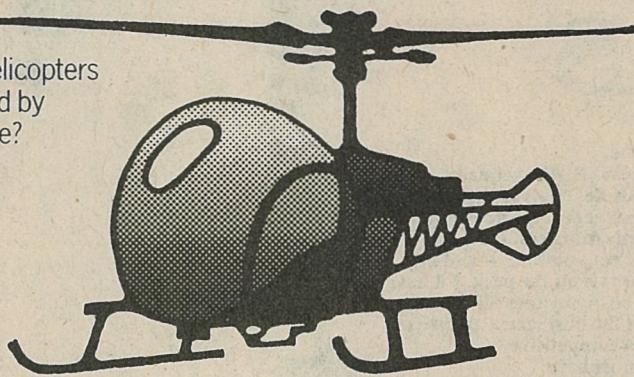


3. How many Police officers are there in England & Wales?

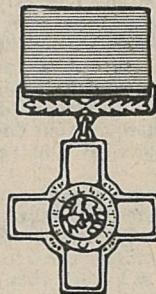
- a) Over 20,000
- b) Over 50,000
- c) Over 100,000



4. Are helicopters ever used by the Police?



5. Which is the highest award for bravery given in the Police?



This is the twelfth in a series depicting the background, present-day work and development of Britain's Police Force.

For further information about the Police write to:-

**Police Quiz, (J33), Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.**

ANSWERS	1. Criminal investigation	2. No, all ranks in the Police Department	3. C	4. Yes, they are hired from private firms	5. The George Cross wear chequered cap bands
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FOR most players in the First Division a trip to play Brighton at the Goldstone Ground is a new experience, as this season is the very first in the top flight in the 79-year history of the seaside club.

But I'm an exception, having played there previously, in a Third Division match in season 1966-67, with Scunthorpe United, my one and only former club.

It was my first full season with The Irons.

I have only two memories of that distant game. First that the gate of around 12,000 was exceptional for the Third Division even in a time when crowds were higher than now, a sign of the area's potential to support the club when, as it has done, it joined the best.

Second, that we were beaten — I can't recall the score — a not unusual happening for Scunthorpe in away games. Whenever we did achieve a rare win we felt like doing a lap of honour.

From what I've seen of the ground on TV, it hasn't changed significantly since my first visit, except for the addition of a temporary stand.



**'Alan Mullery
a great choice
as manager'**

Strangely enough, Scunthorpe's manager then was Freddie Goodwin, who later took over at Brighton for a spell.

I doubt if I'll see a single familiar face except that of manager Alan Mullery at the Goldstone Ground. 13 years is a long time, and not only has the playing staff changed but very likely the coaching staff, too.

My overall impression of the set-up there now is that under the chairmanship of Mr Mike Bamber things are very go-ahead and ambitious.

He's to be admired for the way he's at last brought Brighton to a place in the top 22 and for his selection of Alan Mullery as manager.

I know Alan well from playing against him when he captained Spurs and also watching him with England. Alan is a man completely dedicated to his cause, who expects everyone around him to be the same. I believe Mr Bamber picked him after seeing him become furious with a team-mate while playing for Fulham, the team he rejoined after a tremendously successful career with Spurs. Alan obviously felt the lad wasn't playing with enough heart.

There was a tendency, I suspect, for players nearing the ends of their time with big clubs to regard a move to Brighton as a chance to take things easy. Alan has made it clear that anyone who comes there is keen to play for the club and help bring it success.

But whole-hearted commitment and fighting spirit has to be allied with skill and experience to hold a place in the First Division — as Brighton are finding out.

There's a big gulf between the First and the Second. In the First the game is so much faster, particularly in the penalty-box where an attacker is allowed two touches at most.

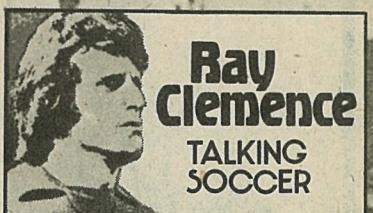
One to control the ball, the other to shoot for goal.

So not only bodily quickness is called for, but the ability to make a decision in a split-second.

In Division Two Brighton could operate on the principle that if they gave a goal away, they could hit back and score two. Unlike the First, where it's difficult even to equalise.

As I predicted at the start of the season, Brighton are having the har-

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'Written off, but we beat Bristol City 4-0'

tightens up we'll have let in that number by Christmas.

Our most shattering blow so far was being knocked out of the European Cup again at the First Round, mainly through not scoring enough goals at home in the first-leg against Dinamo Tbilisi.

Straight away some critics started to write us off, but we refuted that in the most convincing fashion by beating Bristol City 4-0 at home in the League on the Saturday following our long journey to and from Tbilisi.

One critic suggested that because we were too regimented, playing a strict 4-4-2 system, other teams now knew how to deal with us.

That his conclusion is wrong is exemplified by the Championship trophy now residing in our boardroom.

I can state here and now we won't be changing our style. It's not the way at Anfield. If things don't improve — and I'm certain they will — the change that will be made is in the team.

No player who wears our red shirt is bigger than the club and guaranteed a place in the side. That has to be earned every game. And I don't



dest time of the three promoted clubs in stringing results together. But they can take heart from the success story of Nottingham Forest who also came up in third place.

Both clubs are proof that the three-up, three-down system of promotion and relegation, introduced in 1973, has stimulated the game. At least, if the worst comes to

the worst and Brighton flop back into the Second Division, the supporters will have had a taste of the heady delights of seeing their favourites in regular action against the best company in the land.

On the debit side, it'll mean another hard slog to climb back again, for the Second Division is always a dog-fight for the promo-

tion slots.

To bolster the side, Brighton could follow the example of Liverpool and Forest and "build through the middle" as our former manager Bill Shankly used to say.

This happened at Liverpool in the late 60's, when The Reds suffered a shock F.A. Cup defeat against Watford, and Shanks replaced our number nine Ian St John with Doug Livermore, centre-half Ron Yeats with Larry Lloyd, and keeper Tommy Lawrence with me.

Already The Seagulls have bought striker Ray Clarke from Belgian side Bruges.

The mainstay of Brighton's side is captain Brian Horton. He is in the Alan Mullery mould, always urging his players on and getting into posi-

'Why promoted Brighton FINDING IT HARD'

tions to score.

In goal is Graham Moseley, once with Derby County. Graham isn't the first player to be allowed to drop down into a lower Division and then go on to prove he's still capable of playing in the First.

Another of the handful of players with experience of playing in the best company is John Gregory, bought from Aston Villa, a man for all positions who is an excellent striker of the ball outside the box.

Unfortunately John was just settling into the side when he had to have an appendix operation, but could have recovered in time to line-up against us.

Peter Ward, once tipped for stardom with England, has found it hard to regain the goalscoring touch he had last season, and now he is on the transfer list.

Brighton must aim for consistency, but they're not alone in that. Every team in the Division, including Liverpool, is guilty of performing erratically.

Our big problem is that we're looking good in the area between the two 18-yard boxes, but not taking our goal-chances and allowing the opposition to capitalise on more of theirs.

Last season we conceded only 16 goals. Unless the defence really

Brighton (stripes) were given a tough baptism into the First Division when they lost 4-0 at home to Arsenal.

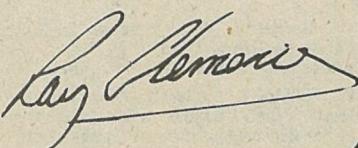


exclude myself. Now that we're out of the European Cup, the number one priority is to get the points to retain the Championship and qualify next season for another chance to win Europe's premier award for the third time.

Winning either or both of the domestic Cups is secondary, although it would be marvellous to do so, not only for the players but for our loyal mass of fans who so revel in Finals.

Gaining both points at the Goldstone Ground is important in our campaign. All due respects to Brighton, but a team with Championship aspirations must look to take two points in away games against teams in the lower section of the table. A harsh fact of football life.

Even so, I hope Brighton manage to hold their place in the First. It's such a nice place to visit!



LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Sunday, October 14

League of Ireland

Bohemians (1) 3 (Joyce, Whelan, Collins)

Athlone Town (2) 3 (Davis o.g., Devlin, Whelan (pen.))

Cork Utd (1) 1 (Wiggington)

UCD (2) 2 (Moran 2 (1 pen.))

Drogheda Utd (0) 1 (Clarke)

Home Farm (1) 2 (Williams, O'Neill)

Finn Harps (0) 1 (Minnock)

St Patrick's (0) 1 (O'Donnell)

Galway Rovers (0) 1 (Finnegan)

Shamrock Rovers (1) 2 (Byrne, Treacy (pen.))

Shelbourne (0) 0

Dundalk (1) 3 (Crawley 2, Flanagan (pen.))

Thurles Town (1) 3 (Lyons, Steedman, Tierney)

Limerick Utd (2) 3 (Morris 2, Duggan)

Waterford (0) 0

Sligo Rovers (1) 2 (Hulmes, Bradley)



WALES: Davies, Stevenson, Jones (Berry), Mahoney, Dwyer, Phillips, James, Flynn, Curtis, Toshack (Thomas), Nicholas.

N. Ireland (0) 1 (Moreland pen)
England (2) 5 (Francis 2, Woodcock 2, Nicholl o.g.) (in Belfast) 25,000

N. IRELAND: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Nicholl, Hunter (Rafferty), McCreery, Cassidy, McIlroy, Armstrong, Finney (Caskey), Moreland.
ENGLAND: Shilton, Neal, Mills, Thompson, Watson, Wilkins, Keegan, Coppell, Francis, Brooking (McDermott), Woodcock.

Scotland (0) 1 (Gemmill)
Austria (1) 1 (Krankl)

(at Hampden Park) 72,700

SCOTLAND: Rough, Jardine, McQueen, Burns, Munro, Souness, Wark, Gemmill, Graham (Cooper), Dalglish, Robertson.

AUSTRIA: Koncilia, Sara, Pezze, Weber, Mirelegg, Kreuz, Hattenberger, Prohaska, Jara, Schachner (Steinkogler), Krankl (Hintermeier).

Friday, October 19

Third Division

Colchester (2) 3 (Gough, Lee, Hodge)
Blackpool (0) 1 (Weston) 4,383

Arsenal's Alan Sunderland (No. 9) heads for goal in the England 'B' v New Zealand game at Orient. England won 4-1.

Monday, October 15

Representative

England B (1) 4 (Malcolmson o.g., Flanagan, Hilaire, Hoddle)

New Zealand (0) 1 (Nelson)

(at Brisbane Road, Orient) 9,634

ENGLAND B: Parkes, Bond, Peach, Talbot (Fashanu), Waldron, Roeder, Hilaire, Hoddle, Sunderland (Money), Flanagan, Rix.

NEW ZEALAND: Wilson, Sibley, Malcolmson, Almond, Turner B, (Turner C), Elrich, Sumner, Campbell (Cole), Nelson, Verweij, Adams (Rutter).

Wednesday, October 17

European Championship

Republic of Ireland (1) 3 (Martin, Greaham, Stapleton)

Bulgaria (0) 0 (in Dublin) 22,000

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Peyton, Mulligan, O'Leary (D), O'Leary (P), Grimes, Martin, Brady, Greaham, Stapleton, McGee, Heighway.

BULGARIA: Goronov, Vassilev, Dimitrov, Bonev, Lliev, Kostov (Kostarikov), Barsov, Marakov, Jeliazkov, Velitchkov, Tzvetkov.

W. Germany (4) 5 (Fischer 2, Kaltz, Forster, Rummenigge)

Wales (0) 1 (Curtis) (in Cologne) 61,000

W. GERMANY: Burdenski, Kaltz, Cullmann, Forster, Dietz, Bonhof, Schuster (Zimmermann), Rummenigge (Briegel), Fischer, Muller, Allots.

COLCHESTER: Walker, Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Lee, Allinson.

BLACKPOOL: McAlister, Gardner, Pashley (Weston), Kerr, Suddaby, McEwan, Thompson, Jones, Spence, Smith, Malone.

Fourth Division

Stockport (0) 0

Doncaster (0) 3 (Dowd, Nimmo 2) 3,222

STOCKPORT: Lawson, Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Czuczman, Chapman, Lovell, Sherlock, Henson (Bradd), Park, Glavin.

DONCASTER: Peacock, Russell, Snodin, Lister (Flanagan), Lally, Dowd, Pugh, Nimmo, Warboys, Lewis, Bentley.

Tranmere (0) 1 (Evans)
York (1) 2 (Randall, Lorimer) 2,197

TRANMERE: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, Palios, Craven, Kerr, Lumby (Kelly), Peplow.

YORK: Neenan, Kamara, Kay, Pugh, Clements, James, Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Wellings.

Saturday, October 20

First Division

Arsenal (0) 0

Stoke (0) 0 31,591

ARSENAL: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

STOKE: Jones, Evans, Scott, Irvine, Smith, Dodd, Johnson, Heath, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

Coventry (1) 2 (McDonald, English)
Brighton (1) 1 (Rollings) 17,328

COVENTRY: Sealey, Jones, McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Coop, Hutchison, Wallace, English, Blair, Hunt.

BRIGHTON: Moseley, Rollings, Williams, Horton, Foster, Stevens, Ryan, Ward (Chivers), Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.

C. Palace (0) 1 (Cannon pen.)
Bristol C (0) 1 (Royle) 27,333

C. PALACE: Burridge, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Kember, Walsh, Flanagan, Hilaire.

BRISTOL C: Shaw, Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow (Mabbett), Rodgers, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Richie, Royle, Mann, Tainton.

Derby (1) 1 (Emson)
Aston Villa (1) 3 (Little, Shaw, Mortimer) 20,152

DERBY: Middleton, Langan, Buckley, Riach, McCaffery, Osgood, Emery, Moreland, Greenwood, Davies, Emson.

ASTON VILLA: Rimmer, Swain, Pejic, Evans, Ormsby, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Geddis, Cowans, Shaw.

Leeds (1) 1 (Hankin)
Tottenham (1) 2 (Armstrong, Jones) 25,203

LEEDS: Lukic, Hird, Hampton, Flynn, Greenhoff (Chandler), Madeley, Gray, Cherry, Hankin, Curtis, Entwistle.

TOTTENHAM: Daines (Hoddle), Hughton, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, McAllister, Yorath, Miller, Armstrong, Hoddle (Pratt), Villa.

Liverpool (1) 2 (Lyons o.g., Kennedy, R.)
Everton (1) 2 (Kidd, King) 52,201

LIVERPOOL: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

EVERTON: Wood, Wright, Bailey, Lyons, Higgins, Nulty, Ross, Stanley, Latchford, Kidd, King.

Man. Utd (0) 1 (Grimes)
Ipswich (0) 0 50,816

MAN. UTD: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Grimes, Wilkins, Coppell, Macari, Thomas.

IPSWICH: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Turner (Brazil), Mariner, Gates, Woods.

Middlesbrough (0) 1 (Proctor)
Wolves (0) 0 18,393

MIDDLESBROUGH: Platt, Crags, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson (Hedley), Burns, Armstrong.

WOLVES: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Thomas.

Norwich (0) 2 (Peters, Bond pen.)
Man. City (1) 2 (Bennett 2) 18,000

NORWICH: Keelan, Bond, McDowell, Taylor, Hadley, Powell, Goble, Reeves, Fashanu (McGuire), Padden, Peters.

MAN. CITY: Corrigan, Ranson, Power, Reid, Caton, Fletcher, Mackenzie (Stepanovic), Viljoen, Robinson, Bennett, Deyna.

Nottingham Forest (3) 5 (Lloyd, Woodcock, Francis, Robertson pen, Anderson)
Bolton (0) 2 (Thompson, Morgan pen) 24,564

NOTTM FOREST: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, Mills (Bowler), Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

BOLTON: McDonagh, Clement (McNab), Burke, Allardyce, Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Nicholson, Thompson.

W.B.A. (3) 4 (Deehan, Owen, Robson, Brown, A.)
Southampton (0) 0 22,500

W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Mills, Wile, Pendrey, Robson, Brown (A), Deehan, Owen (Trevick), Brown (T).

SOUTHAMPTON: Gennoe, Hebbard, Peach, Williams, Watson, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Channon, George, Holmes.

Second Division

Birmingham (0) 2 (Lynex, Gemmill)

Swansea (0) 0 18,624

BIRMINGHAM: Wealands, Todd, Dennis, Curbsley, Gallagher, Towers, Ainscow, Lynex (Givens), Bertschin, Gemmill, Johnston.

SWANSEA: Letheran, Attley, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Stevenson, Craig, Mahoney, James, Waddle, Callaghan.

Bristol R (1) 3 (Aitken, White, Penny)

Charlton (0) 0 5,472

BRISTOL R: Thomas, Bater, Williams, Mabbutt, Harding, Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuel, White, Penny, Clarke.

CHARLTON: Johns, Hazell, Warman, Shaw (Booth), Berry, Madden, Powell, Gritt, Robinson, Walker, Wilson.

Cambridge (1) 1 (Gibbins)

Orient (1) 1 (Chedozie)

5,151

CAMBRIDGE: Webster, Turner, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Cozens, Biley, Spriggs, Finney (Murray), O'Neill, Gibbins.

ORIENT: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Went, Gray, Taylor, Chedozie, Hughton, Mayo, Moores (Jennings), Coates.

Cardiff (1) 1 (Moore)

Chelsea (0) 2 (Frost, Fillery)

16,328

CARDIFF: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Stevens, Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.

CHELSEA: Borota, Locke, Wilkins (G), Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Frost, Johnson, Harris.

Fulham (1) 1 (Davies)

Notts Co (1) 3 (Hooks, McCulloch 2)

6,190

FULHAM: Peyton (Lock), Peters, Strong, Bulivant, Money, Gale, Marinello, Beck, Guthrie, Lock (Greenaway), Davies.

NOTTS CO: Avramovic, Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Benjamin, Mair.

Oldham (0) 1 (Holt)

Leicester (0) 1 (Young)

10,297

OLDHAM: McDonnell, Wood, Edwards, Hilton, Clements, Holt, Valentine, Blair, Halom, Atkinson, Heaton.

LEICESTER: Wallington, Williams, Rose, Welsh, May, Peake, Byrne, Wilson (Lineker), Young, Smith, Henderson.

Preston (2) 3 (Bruce, Thomson 2)

Burnley (1) 2 (Dobson, James)

12,300

PRESTON: Tunks, Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott (Potts), Thomson, Bruce.

BURNLEY: Stevenson, Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Young, Dobson, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

Shrewsbury (2) 3 (Biggins 3)

Wrexham (1) 1 (Whittle)

11,007

SHREWSBURY: Wardle, Hayes, Larkin, Turner (Cross), Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Chapman, Biggins, Tong.

WREXHAM: Davies, Darracott, Dwyer (Whittle), Davis, Roberts, Giles, Fox, Sutton, McNeil, Buxton, Hill.

Sunderland (3) 3 (Robson 2, 1 pen, Hawley)

O.P.R. (0) 0 25,201

SUNDERLAND: Siddall, Whitworth, Gilbert, Elliott, Clarke, Hindmarch, Arnott (Brown), Lee, Hawley, Robson, Dunn.

O.P.R.: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Hazel, Wicks, Bowles, Roeder, Allen (Walsh), Goddard, Burke.

Watford (0) 2 (Mercer, Blissett)

Newcastle (0) 0 17,715

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

WATFORD: Rankin, How, Harrison, Booth, Sims, Bolton, Cassells, Blissett, Mercer, Train, Rostrom.

NEWCASTLE: Hardwick, Brownlie, Davis, Martin, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cassidy (Cartwright), Withe, Hibbit, Connolly.

West Ham (0) 1 (Allen)
Luton (2) 2 (Stein, Saxby) 25,049

WEST HAM: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Holland, Allen, Lansdowne, Cross, Pike, Neighbour.

LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Greash, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Ingram, Moss.



A narrow escape for Notts County (dark shirts) at Fulham as this shot bounces to safety off the bar.

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McNichol, Phillips)
Blackburn (0) 0 7,970

BRENTFORD: Bond, Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Graham, Smith, Alder, Phillips.

BLACKBURN: Arnold, Rathbone, Morley, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Parkes, McKenzie, Crawford, Stonehouse.

Bury (1) 1 (Gregory)
Sheff. Utd (1) 2 (Kenworthy, Constantine o.g.) 8,347

BURY: Forrest, Constantine, Kennedy, Lugg, Howard, Whitehead, Madden, Wilson, Beaman, Gregory, Taylor (Johnson).

SHEFF. UTD.: Conroy, Speight, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goey, Garner, Butlin, Bourne, Sabella.

Carlisle (1) 3 (Bonnyman, Bannon, McVitie)
Barnsley (0) 1 (Lester) 5,107

CARLISLE: Swinburne, Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Beardsey, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Bannon, Hamilton, Staniforth.

BARNESLEY: Pierce, Flavell, Chambers, Collins, McCarthy, Glavin, Banks, Lester, Riley, Clarke, Bell.

Chester (1) 2 (Sutcliffe, Jones)
Hull (1) 1 (Tait) 3,209

CHESTER: Lloyd, Raynor, Walker, Storton, Cotman, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson.

HULL: Blackburn, Nisbet, DeVries, Croft, Dobson, Tait, Roberts, Moss, Bannister, Phillips, Farley.

Chesterfield (0) 0
Wimbledon (0) 0 5,122

CHESTERFIELD: Tingay, Tatt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Hunter, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmons, Crawford.

WIMBLEDON: Goddard, Perkins, Jones, Galiher, Bowgett, Cunningham, Ketteridge, Parsons, Dziadulewicz, Cork, Lewington.

Gillingham (0) 0
Grimsby (0) 1 (Kilmore) 6,378

GILLINGHAM: Hillyard, Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherly, Crabbe, Hughes, Bruce, Price, Westwood, Richardson (Funnell).

GRIMSBY: Batch, Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wiggin, Crombie, Brody, Kilmore (Liddell), Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

Millwall (1) 2 (Seasman, Lyons)
Mansfield (0) 2 (Lathan, Austin) 6,049

MILLWALL: Jackson, Donaldson, Gregory, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seasman, Lyons, Mitchell, Kinsella.

MANSFIELD: Arnold, Dawkins, Wood, Bird, McClelland, Mann, Lathan, Taylor, Austin, Hamilton, Allen (Curtis).

Plymouth (0) 1 (Kemp)
Rotherham (0) 0 4,850

HALIFAX: Kilner, Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, (Goodman), Harris, Firth, Kennedy, Mountford, Thomas, Burke.

WALSALL: Green, Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley (Williams), Caswell.

Northampton (1) 2 (Farmer 2)
Hereford (0) 0 2,319

NORTHAMPTON: Jayes, Walker, Sandercock, Denyer, Waldcock, Byatt, Farrington, Townsend, Reilly, Sargent, Farmer.

HEREFORD: Hughes, Price, Burrows, Hunt, Layton, Birchenall, Feeley (Cunningham), McGrellis, Jones, White, Spiring.

Peterborough (1) 2 (Parkinson 2)
Hartlepool (0) 0 3,412

PETERBOROUGH: Waugh, Phillips, Collins, Chard, Carmichael, Foster, Gynn, Kellock, Cliss, Parkinson, Robson (Guy).

HARTLEPOOL: Burleigh, Sweeney, Norman, Lawrence, Carr, Ayre, Hogan (Larkin), Houchen, Newton, Harding, Leadwick.

Portsmouth (3) 4 (Ashworth 2, Garwood, Rogers)

Bradford C (0) 1 (Dolan) 23,871

PORTSMOUTH: Mellor, Ellis, Styles, Brisley, Aizlewood, Davey, Garwood, Laidlaw, Ashworth, Bryant, Rogers.

BRADFORD C: Smith, Reaney, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Bates, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Martinez (Podd).

Port Vale (2) 2 (Farrell, Beech)

Darlington (0) 0 2,618

PORT VALE: Dance, Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Spron, Bentley, Jones, Farrell, Wright (Tulley), Chamberlain (N), Healy.

DARLINGTON: Owners, Coleman, Cochrane, Nattress (Ball), Bainbridge, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Ferguson, Ellis, Walsh.

Newport (2) 3 (Aldridge 2, Lowndes)

Scunthorpe (0) 1 (Keeley) 1,875

NEWPORT: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Goddard, Aldridge, Moore.

SCUNTHORPE: Gordon, Davy, Peacock, Hall, Deere, Oates, O'Berg, Partridge, Green, Cammack, Keeley.

Torquay (1) 2 (Cooper, Bourne)

Aldershot (1) 1 (McGregor) 4,057

TORQUAY: Turner, Pethard, Ritchie, Hagan, Bourne, Sermanni, Davies, Lawrence, Cooper, Twitchin, Murphy (Coffill).

ALDERSHOT: Johnson, Howitt (Green), Wooller, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Dungworth, McGregor.

Wigan (1) 2 (Houghton 2)

Lincoln (1) 1 (Wright o.g.) 5,454

WIGAN: Brown, Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Moore (Quinn), Houghton, Urquhart.

LINCOLN: Grotier, Guest, Neale, Watson, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Carr, Harford, Sunday (Cunningham), Cockerill.

Fourth Division

Bournemouth (1) 1 (Chambers)
Huddersfield (2) 3 (Cowling, Fletcher, Laverick) 4,895

BOURNEMOUTH: Allen, Cunningham, Ferns, Bryant, Impey, Borthwick, Holder, Hefferman (MacDougall), Butler, Massey, Chambers.

HUDDERSFIELD: Starling, Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Topping, Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins, Cowling.

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Rochdale (0) 1 (Wann) 2,129

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Halifax (1) 2 (Kennedy, Firth)
Walsall (0) 1 (Penn) 3,184

Scottish Premier

Aberdeen (0) 1 (Davidson)
Partick (1) 1 (Campbell) 8,000

ABERDEEN: Clark, Kennedy, McMaster, McLeish, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie (Bell), Scanlon (Davidson).

PARTICK: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, O'Hara (Doyle), Park, Gibson, McAdam, McGregor (Melrose), Love.

Dundee (1) 1 (Sinclair)

Dundee Utd (0) 0 16,305

DUNDEE: Donaldson, Barr, Schaeffer, Millar, Glennie, Caldwell, Fletcher, McGeachie, Sinclair, Redford (Shirra), Murphy.

DUNDEE UTD: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Philip, Hegarty, Narey, Addison (Kirkwood), Sturrock, Pettigrew (Docherty), Fleming, Payne.

Kilmarnock (1) 1 (Houston)

St Mirren (0) 1 (Stark) 6,500

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Morton (1) 1 (Thomson)

Celtic (0) 0 18,000

MORTON: Barnes, Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, McLaren, McNeill, Brown, Thomson, Hutchinson (Tolmie), Ritchie.

CELTIC: Latchford, Sneddon, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, McAdam, Provost (Conroy), Lennox, McCluskey, MacLeod, Burns.

Rangers (1) 2 (Smith, Miller pen)

Hibs (0) 0 20,000

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Forsyth (A), Stevens, Jackson (McLean), MacDonald (A), Cooper, Miller, Johnstone, Urquhart, Smith.

HIBS: McArthur, Brazil, Brown (J) (McGlinchey), Rae, Paterson, McNamara, Brown (S), Ward (Campbell), Hutchinson, MacLeod, Higgins.

Scottish First

Airdrie (1) 4 (Walker, Clark, Lapsley 2, 1 pen)

Motherwell (0) 0 5,000

Ayr (0) 2 (Morris, Christie)
Arbroath (1) 1 (Wilson) 2,408

Clyde (1) 1 (Dolland)
Berwick (0) 2 (Tait, Cross) 1,200

Clydebank (0) 4 (Sweeney 3, McCormack)

Hamilton (0) 0 1,000

Hearts (1) 2 (Fraser 2)
Dunfermline (0) 1 (Rolland) 6,000

Raith (1) 1 (Carroll)
Stirling (1) 1 (Kennedy A) 2,113

St. Johnstone (1) 2 (Brannigan, Lawson)
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THE easiest game in soccer at the moment is to have a go at Scotland's international goalkeeper.

Britain's favourite pastime flared to life again when Alan Rough conceded a goal to Austria in the European Championship match at Hampden recently. Okay, I saw the goal and thought Rough was to blame, but I think it is wrong to crucify the Partick Thistle man.

He admitted afterwards that he blundered and it takes a big man to accept a mistake like that. But I don't go along with the popular idea that all of Scotland's goalkeepers are useless. FAR FROM IT!

It's a great pity that the television cameras, who seem to always be around when he drops a shot or fumbles the ball, didn't see him in the match against Rangers at Firhill earlier in the season.



Believe me, Alan Rough was magnificent that day. We lost 2-1 and might have won 6-2 if it hadn't been for the Firhill personality.

I'm not going to try to deny that I am a personal friend of Alan's. But, at the same time, I don't think I would let friendship cloud such a vital issue.

Simply, I believe Rough is a good goalkeeper who hasn't always been fortunate on the international scene. People continually say he shouldn't even have won one international cap, never mind 28, but that's a load of rubbish.

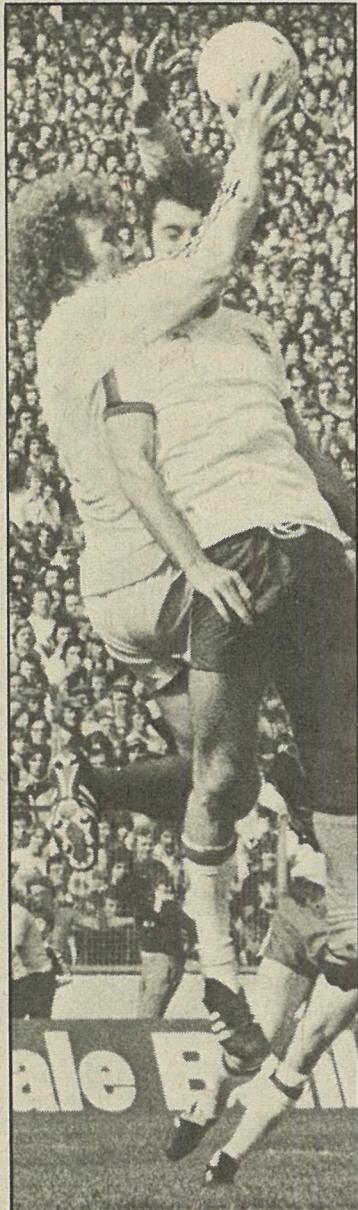
Peter McCloy, our 'keeper at Rangers, of course, also comes in for criticism. I know Archie Gemmill said he looked like a chimpanzee swinging from a bar when he allowed Aberdeen to score in the Scottish Cup Final two seasons ago.

Fair enough, it didn't look too clever. As I recall, Aberdeen's left-back Steve Ritchie took a swing at a cross from the right by John McMaster. He didn't connect properly and the ball spun into the air.

From where I was standing it looked as though it was going to land in the Hampden terracing, but it dipped weirdly and dropped into the net. Peter McCloy obviously thought the ball was going over, too.

It didn't make him look like the world's greatest 'keeper, but, really, it didn't matter at the end of

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believe me. When it comes to the crunch, I know big Peter can be absolutely brilliant.

I'll give you two recent examples. Our Cup-Winners' Cup First Round, second-leg, match against Fortuna Dusseldorf in West Germany was a sticky one because we only managed a 2-1 victory at Ibrox.

The West Germans threw everything at us, but Peter McCloy was magnificent. Again I realise he is a personal friend and I might be slightly biased, but I don't think anyone who was at that match would disagree.

He was kicked in the face by our own Sandy Jardine and his right eye just about closed, but he still battled on. It ended goalless and at the end of the game he earned a standing ovation from the Fortuna fans.

And in the match against Valencia in the Luis Casanova Stadium he was immense again as we drew 1-1. He even saved a well-taken

Alan Rough (left) and Rangers' Peter McCloy (below) — two Scottish goalkeepers given some undeserved criticism lately.

penalty from Rainer Bonhof and we all know the sort of explosive shot he has!

So, in summing up, I don't think Scottish 'keepers are anywhere near as bad as the popular image. The trouble with popularity is that everyone wants to get in on the act.

It's easy to knock Scottish goalkeepers, but I prefer constructive rather than destructive criticism.

Scotland may have a problem position and they may even have a jinx over that number one jersey, but that doesn't mean that every 'keeper in Scotland is useless. I would like to see television show some of the saves rather than the scores.

Then you would definitely get a better picture of the standard of goalkeeping in Scotland, believe me.

I know what I'm talking about... I have to try to beat them most weeks!

Derek Johnstone

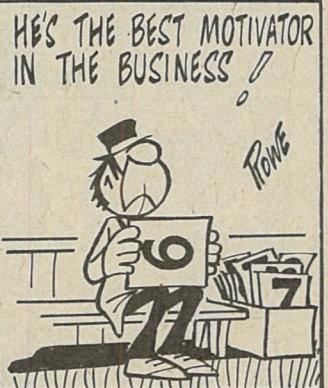
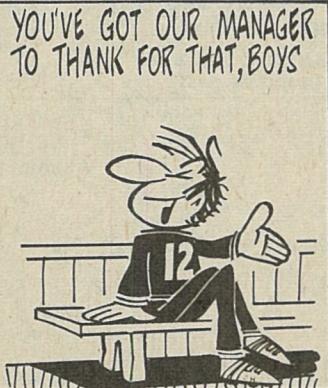
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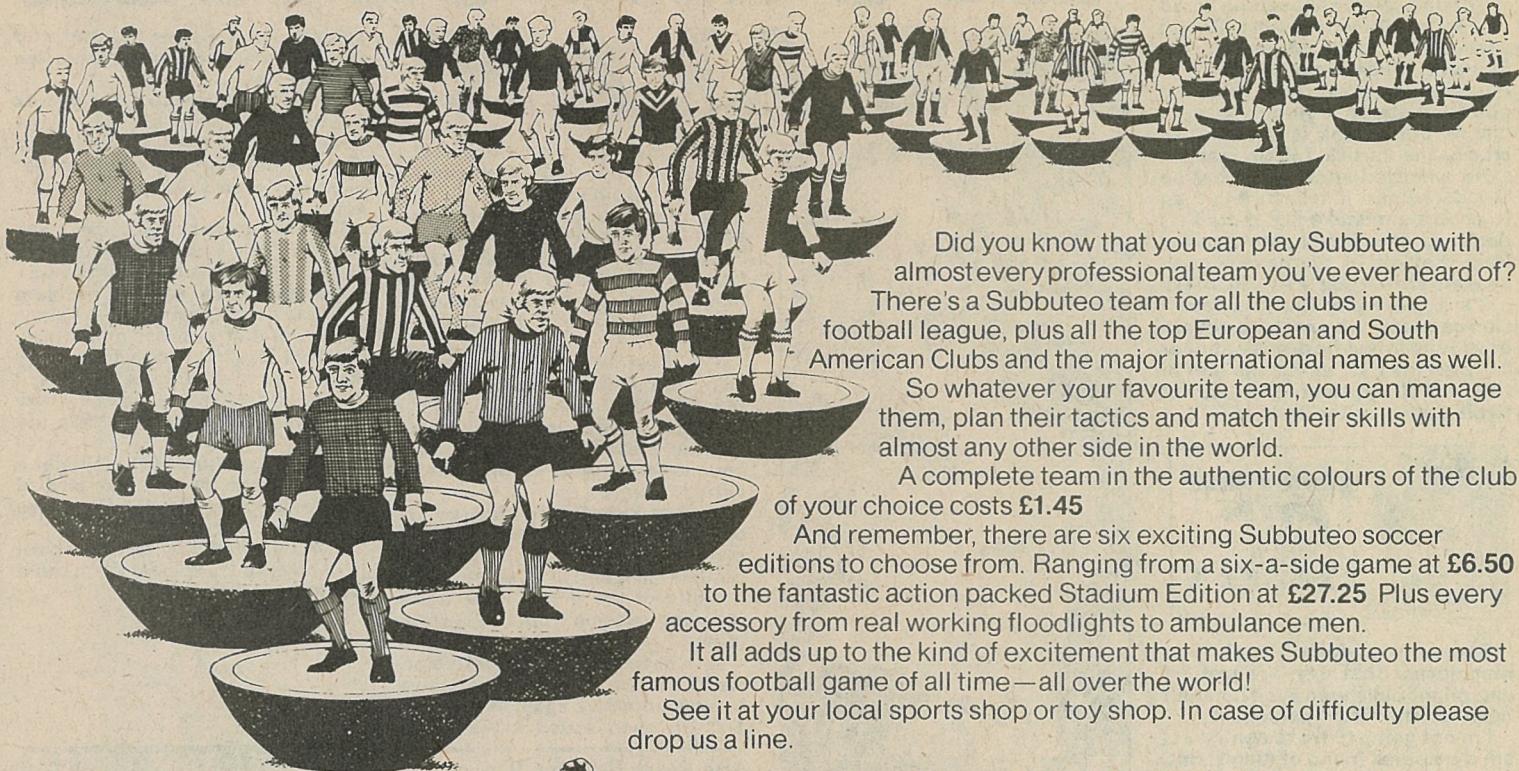
the day. We were two goals ahead at the time. If the game had been goalless, I'm certain that McCloy wouldn't have left anything to chance.

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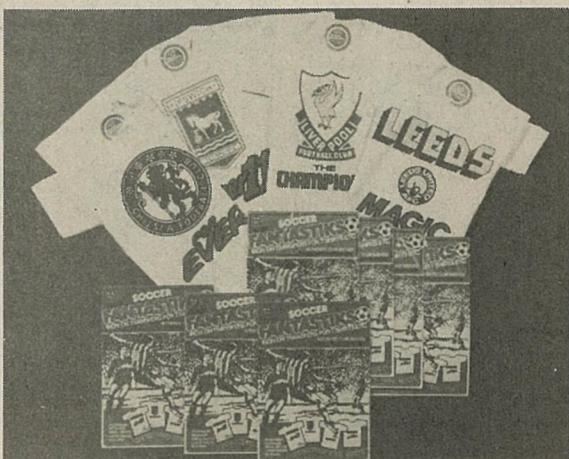
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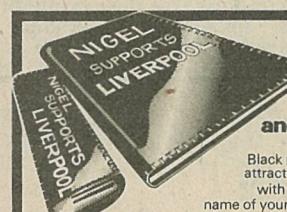
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CROSS TALK

WITHE: I know you used to wear the number nine shirt for Newcastle United, some years before I did, but the situation is still the same at St James' Park — the fans here like to see a centre-forward scoring goals.

STUBBINS: Agreed. Though I reckon it's harder to stick the ball in the back of the net these days, compared with the 1940's and early 50's. More thought has gone into improving defensive efficiency, making it difficult to find space in and around the penalty-area.

WITHE: I think, too, that footballers are more complete players in the modern game than they were in the pre-War and post-War years. Today, clubs will try out a youngster in several positions, until they establish which is his best.

STUBBINS: When I started out with Newcastle as a 17-year-old in 1936, I appeared in the "A" team and reserves as an inside-right, outside-right, right-half and centre-half, also centre-forward. These switches in position were brought about more by chance, or emergencies, than by the sort of planning that clubs go in for today. How about your own spot at centre-forward — is it your favourite position?

WITHE: Yes, I enjoy being a striker, though I've also played in midfield, at the back and in goal during my career so far. Eventually, at some distant date in the future, I believe I may move into the back-four, where my height would come in useful to me as a centre-back. But that is looking ahead, and at the moment there is nothing I like better than competing with centre-halves and doing my best to help Newcastle in their promotion drive.

STUBBINS: United's fine start to the season is a good boost for morale in the North-East. Do you think Newcastle can stay up there?

WITHE: Yes, I'm confident we will still be with the leaders at the end of the season. Even last term, after a number of disappointments, we finished eighth, and all the signs now indicate we will improve on that. We must win our matches at home, where we are hard to beat, and bring back some points when we travel. Last season, our away record let us down badly.

STUBBINS: Certainly, Tyneside can do with a team in the First Division again. But in the top flight, there will be terrific competition to wrest the limelight away from clubs like Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. Can Newcastle hope to take a place among the elite again?

WITHE: The fact that less-fancied teams such as Wolves, Southampton, Crystal Palace and Norwich were among the early front-runners must give hope to all First Division sides — and the support that Newcastle can get when playing well must encourage them to aim for the top. They have tremendous fans, as they do in my home town, Liverpool — but Newcastle's fans have had far less to cheer about than those at Anfield, yet manage to remain loyal.

STUBBINS: Yes, the Anfield and Gallowgate supporters are unique. I was lucky enough to play for Newcastle, and Liverpool, and was transferred to Merseyside for the then mammoth fee of £13,000 in 1947. Compared to today's figures that is a ridiculous price.

WITHE: It's typical of the inflation that exists everywhere that players now move for fees of more than £1,000,000. Even my transfer

fee of over £200,000 from Nottingham Forest to Newcastle, seems small now.

STUBBINS: Along with transfer fees, players' wages have also increased incredibly since the days when I played for a maximum wage of £12. Of course, we never appeared in more than 40-odd games a season, and probably the pressures are greater for the players today.

WITHE: With Nottingham Forest, I turned out in 60 matches a season, but Brian Clough and Peter Taylor were two men who seemed to carry the pressures for the players. And I would much rather be playing in 60 matches a season, with trophies to aim for, than to have less games for a team that has no hope of winning anything. Being with Forest was an enjoyable period in my career.

STUBBINS: Today, players have wider horizons than they did previously, and you've had a number of clubs and travelled extensively. That must have made your life interesting and varied?

WITHE: Well, I compressed my travels into a period of eight years. I was with Southport, Barrow, Port Elizabeth in South Africa, Arcadia Shepherds in Pretoria, then Wolves and my first meeting with Bill McGarry. From there I went on loan to Portland Timbers in America, then later to Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest and Newcastle, where I'm very happy and enjoying my game more than ever.

STUBBINS: You mention America, and I managed the New York Americans over there in 1960, in an international tournament that included English Champions Burnley. I did some television and radio work to help promote interest in the game, but interest was only

just beginning to catch on then. What were your impressions when you were in the States?

WITHE: On my first trip in 1974, I thought football was really beginning to take hold over there, and today of course, a number of British players are in America — soccer in the States is improving all the time, and I think the methods they are using to promote extra interest are working.

STUBBINS: Yes, the scope of football has widened enormously since the early post-War years. In that period, I toured in Norway and Sweden with Newcastle, and also in the United States and Canada with Liverpool, but there was no hint then that Continental and South American players would be appearing in English League football. Can you see more imports from abroad playing over here?

WITHE: I believe British clubs unable to pay really high prices for players will scout abroad, looking for reasonably priced buys.

STUBBINS: The rich clubs, including those in Liverpool, Manchester and the Midlands are able to pay prices that poorer clubs can't afford, creating talk of a Super-League in England.

WITHE: It didn't work too well in Scotland, and I don't think it will in England. Although Trevor Francis set the precedent for the £1,000,000 transfer fee, money doesn't guarantee success — which is good news for the majority of clubs in the game.

STUBBINS: True, and speaking of good news I hope Newcastle United will provide some for their fans by being among the leading three clubs in May. Also best wishes for a bag-full of goals for yourself.

WITHE: I'll be trying my best.

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THE excitement created by Portsmouth's great start to the season has stirred football. It isn't just in the naval town of Hampshire that everyone has been discussing the flying start of good old Pompey — as the club is known throughout the game — and its sad decline of recent years has been little cause for celebration in any part of the country.

But Portsmouth started the season as though good times might just be on the way back. They leapt to the top of the Fourth Division table after just ten matches and the long suffering Pompey followers were streaming back to Fratton Park.

But behind the story of success at the start, one man was keeping his feet firmly on the ground. Frank Burrows took over as manager when illness forced old favourite Jimmy Dickinson to step down at the end of last season.

Burrows knew what he was taking on. Portsmouth had fallen away after a good start last season and had eventually slipped badly, finishing seventh and nine points short of promotion. Again, it had been a case of flattering to deceive.

Pompey's start this time has been just as good; in fact, even better than last season's. But Burrows is quick to point out: "We started last February, leading the table yet we still didn't go up in May. That is why no one here is getting swept away with excitement at being second in October.

"It is such a long season in the Third and Fourth Divisions that it's crazy for anyone to start getting excited at this stage of the season.

"If we are three points clear with one match to play, don't worry — I will be as excited as the next man. But only fools celebrate before season's end."

Burrows is a tough, no nonsense Scot; the sort of strong man Portsmouth have needed for sometime. Burrows won't talk of the future and any recovery for one of Britain's best known and best loved clubs.

"The next game is the only one that matters," he growls — and you know it is only sense.

He is refusing to let his players get swept away with any excitement at the start. "We have a long way to go and a great deal of hard work to do," he says.

"Things have been a bit euphoric with some of our supporters and I suppose that is inevitable. But we have to make certain this time."

Burrows has spent a busy few months working in the transfer market, to strengthen the Portsmouth squad.

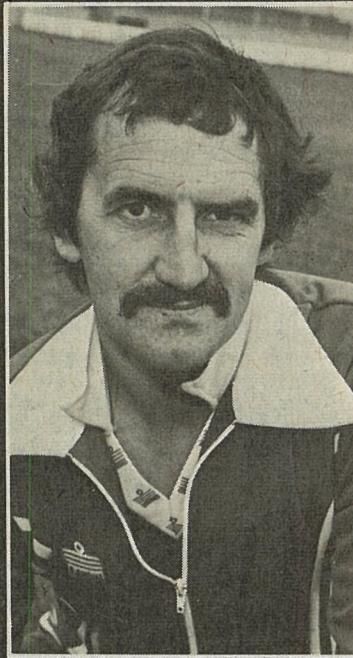
"That needed doing," he says, "for one very good reason. The same pool of players would have had us up there again near the top but I didn't think we would be quite good enough to go up."

"I've bought and sold but we were fortunate in that Brighton's bid of £150,000 came in at the right



Colin Garwood, Portsmouth's top scorer and one of the reasons why manager Frank Burrows (below) is so confident.

'DON'T PRAISE POMPEY YET' warns manager FRANK BURROWS



time for defender Steve Foster.

"In all, we raised about £230,000 and I spent £200,000. You have to work hard in the modern day transfer market and you have to keep your ear to the ground. The new signings have all fitted in reasonably well, however, and I'm pleased with the way things worked out through our transfer deals."

"I doubt whether I will ever be totally happy with what I have got and how we are doing. I'm that sort of person; someone who is

always striving to do better whatever the current state of the club or success of the team. I believe a manager should always be looking to improve his side and his club in every way. Certainly, we are still looking to improve our squad."

Portsmouth have had so many disappointments and setbacks in recent years that Burrows is probably wise not to build up hopes for the future.

He refuses to discuss the long term prospects of the club, other than to say: "I just want us to keep winning. That's the only long term planning I believe in — guarantee your future by keeping on winning. It's really the only way."

"I don't allow myself any day-dreams because football isn't the sort of job where you can do that — whoever you are and whatever League you're in. Liverpool are about the best but you won't find them day-dreaming so there is no reason for us, a Fourth Division club, to do it."

"They are too easily shattered in this game. It's easy to talk of long term aspirations but hard to fulfill."

"We will find it hard to maintain our form. It is nice to have made a good start but that is all it is. The League is the fiercest test; it's over 46 matches and you have to have special qualities to succeed over that distance. Whether we are good enough, I won't know until the end of the season."

"We thought we were superior last time — but we weren't."

Burrows says that he has never known support such as that enjoyed by Pompey. The Fratton faithfuls have stuck to the club through thick and thin and now, as the possibility of success starts to drift across the town, the fans are streaming in.

"These fans wouldn't cross the road to watch another team and it is the support that very few clubs enjoy — only others such as Manchester United, Newcastle and Liverpool can count on. They are fanatical. It's great for us because we need their support. The public don't need football clubs but we need the public."

"We are grateful for their support and I just hope we can justify their faith by doing well all season. They must be patient and if they are, I'm hopeful we will do well. But right now that's as far as I'm prepared to go."

And Burrows' reluctance to get caught up in the euphoria surrounding his team has been justified in recent weeks.

Successive defeats by Newport and Doncaster allowed both Huddersfield and Bradford City to equal Pompey's points total of 24 from 16 games, and the loss of those four points has brought some of the Fratton Park faithfuls back to earth.

Yet Burrows will not allow his side to relax. Only the best is good enough for Portsmouth, and Frank Burrows will not settle for anything less.

New Lives for Old Stars

JACKIE Milburn started his career with Newcastle United as an inside-forward in the early 1940's, had a spell at outside-right, then moved to centre-forward to show the form as a goalscorer that gained for him 13 England caps and also made him an idol on Tyneside.

These days, in his capacity as a sports writer, he sits in the Press-box at St James' Park on Saturday afternoons and reviews Newcastle's games. He is always pleased when his old team wins, yet has marked reservations about the modern game.

"Transfer fees, player power, too much emphasis on coaching — all are combining to spoil the game, which could be in a serious state five years from now," explains Milburn, who played for England between 1949-56.

"And the present 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 systems aren't good for football, giving it less attraction as a spectacle."

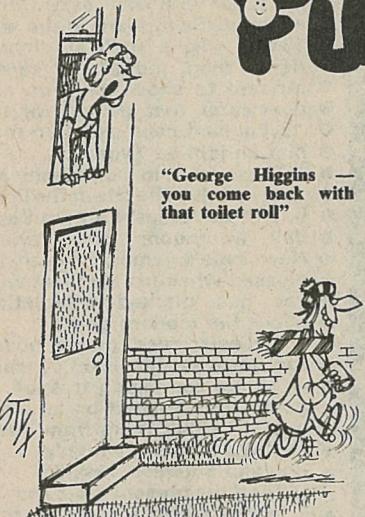
In Newcastle United's glorious Wembley era of the 1950's, when the team from the North-East won the F.A. Cup three times, Jackie's searing pace and finishing ability made him the terror of opposing defenders. And he still has vivid memories of those golden days.

Says Milburn: "There was that period when we seemed to look upon Wembley as a second home. We had players like Bobby Mitchell, Ernie Taylor, George Robledo, Frank Brennan and Joe Harvey in the line-up, and our style of play was ideal for the sudden-death of Cup football."

A popular figure on Tyneside wherever he goes, Jack almost went back on to the payroll of Newcastle United when Bill McGarry took over as manager. McGarry thought that Milburn's knowledge of the game would be priceless to him if Jack worked as his assistant, but the former England leader chose to remain in journalism.



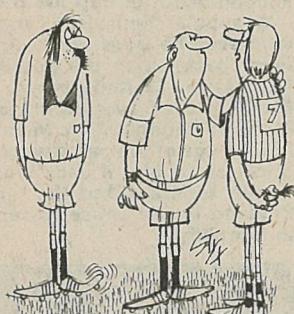
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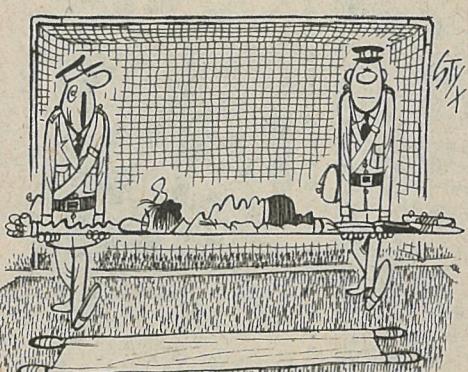
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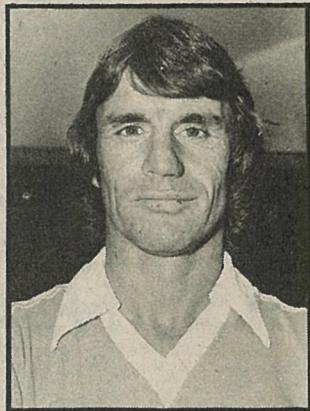
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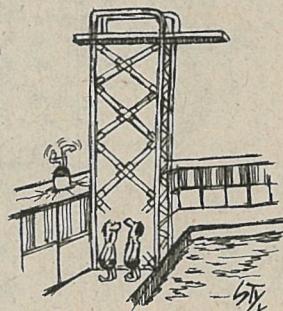
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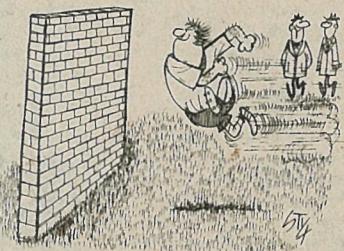
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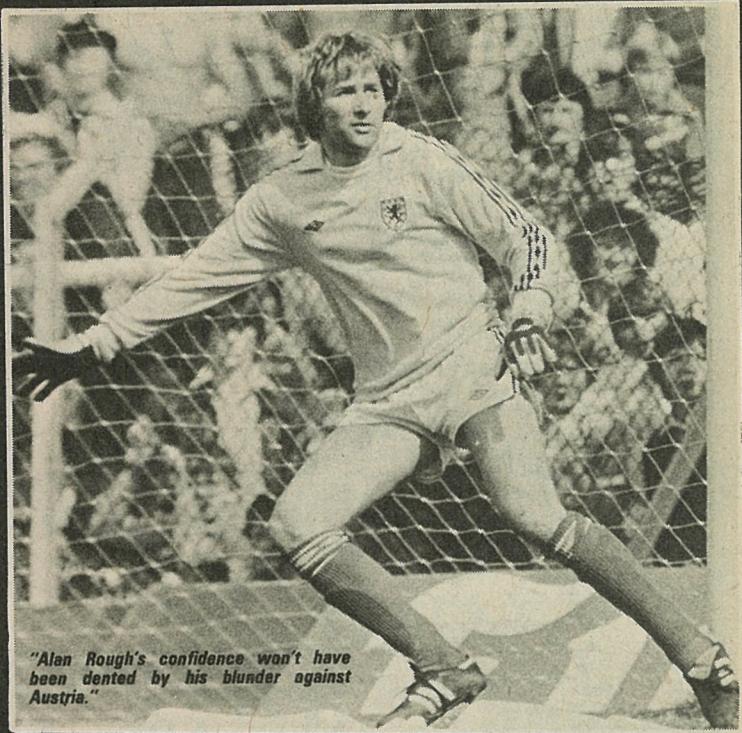
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"That's our goalkeeper — he always dives the wrong way"



"Yes — he gives his all — even in training"



"Alan Rough's confidence won't have been dented by his blunder against Austria."

'Winning is

I HAVE two hopes for Scotland's vital European Championship tie in Belgium later this month: that I'm selected to play and, more important, that we win.

They may be pretty obvious ambitions, but after so much disappointment, I'm itching to wear the famous blue jersey again and see my country chalk up a morale-boosting win on foreign soil. I don't even mind if we play badly — as long as we win.

Too often Scotland have played marvellous football, only to find at the end of 90 minutes we have little to show for it. Apparently, Scotland played both Peru and Austria off the park earlier this season; the record books will show just two 1-1 draws, nothing about the quality of our football.

Jock Stein is building more for the 1982 World Cup and I'm sure will be noting performances as much as being concerned about the outcome of matches. However, as we are still in with a realistic chance of reaching Italy next summer, I doubt if the manager will mind if, for once, his team doesn't play the better football, as long as it wins.

Belgium's 2-0 win over Portugal was a good result for us, even though we failed to beat Austria at Hampden Park. While we are in with any sort of chance, we'll be doing all we can to cause a sensation by qualifying.

I was absolutely choked at missing the Austria game. It's the only match I've missed since my comeback — I played for Wolves against Derby in midweek and there was some fluid on my knee. It was touch-and-go whether I'd be fit for the Saturday game at home to Norwich. I played and there was some swelling.

The club doctor examined the knee immediately after the match at

Molineux and said I may have got away with playing against Austria, assuming I was selected, of course.

However, after a chat with manager John Barnwell it was decided I should pull out. I didn't want to play unless I was 100 per cent and Mr Barnwell, naturally, was concerned that playing may cause further trouble and mean I was unavailable for Wolves.

He telephoned Jock Stein and explained the situation. Mr Stein was a club manager long enough to appreciate such a situation, although there has been a nagging worry that he may run out of patience with me.

I was thrilled to hear how much the fans in Scotland were hoping I could play. I've been away for four years, yet the supporters in Scotland still seem to have a soft spot for me, which is a great feeling.

Looking back, I think the decision to pull out will be the best thing in the long run. Who knows what damage might have been done playing with an injury? I would have let down my country, something I could never do.

It's hard to assess your own fitness. The fact is I've had a double-operation on the troublesome knee and I was back in action 13 weeks after the second op.

I do little physical training during the week. As John Barnwell said, I'm wrapped in cotton wool from Monday to Friday and let out on Saturdays!

Each morning, I report early and work with weights on the knee. In training, John Richards and I do nothing that may aggravate our "dodgy" knees, like jumping or jar-ring the joints.

At home in the evening, I put in another couple of hours with a weight on the knee and I expect to do this for another year in an effort

to ensure the problem is well and truly behind me.

Don't get the idea I'm a walking wreck! Far from it. I'm simply being realistic. I've missed too much football for my liking and I'm doing everything to make sure I stay at peak fitness. I never had any doubts in my mind that the knee would let me down. All I need now is games to reach that level that only playing can give you.

I realise my style is likely to attract injuries. It's been said that I put my head where other players wouldn't dare put their boots... that I'm too brave for my own good.

I've tried to modify my game in one respect. I don't go jumping into "hopeless" tackles outside the penalty-area. Inside the box, I'll never change. There, you don't have time to think and weigh-up a situation. Striking is all about instinct and confidence. I will always react in a split-second and I'm confident enough to do anything I have to near goal.

I dearly want to play for my country again. Scotland create so many chances and I'd love the opportunity to get on the end of a few. All I

can do is to play my best for Wolves and hope Jock Stein hasn't run out of patience with me.

One player I feel sorry for is Alan Rough. I liken "Scruff" to Gary Sprake, a goalkeeper who was also a victim of television.

I know for a fact that Alan has had some brilliant games for Partick Thistle, but the cameras haven't been present. Sadly, he's made one or two boos at vital times under the all-seeing eye of T.V. Knowing Alan, I'm sure his confidence is as high as ever, he's that sort of person.

Considering he's been a part-timer, he's done well to reach where he has. If only he'd had the chance to go full-time...

We MUST win in Belgium. A draw will be no good — it's win or bust. I've never played over there, although I played against their Under-21 side a few years ago. I have a Belgian shirt at home, but I can remember little about the game except that it was at Somerton Park, home of Ayr.

It would be marvellous to come home with two points. Scotland's away record leaves a lot to be



"Alan Durban is doing a good job at Stoke."

desired, but maybe we'll finally come up trumps in Brussels. And I don't care if we play badly, as long as we win!

Portugal are still the favourites to qualify from Group Two and we'll be meeting them again in the 1982 World Cup.

My reaction to the qualifying draw was less ecstatic than some people. I know Sweden are supposed to be on the way down, but they have a strong World Cup tradition and seem to come good when it matters.

Portugal must be respected by the fact they're doing so well in our European Championship group.

We know all about Northern Ireland and I'm sure none of the players will have any qualms about playing in Belfast. All we're concerned about is football, not politics.

Israel? I know nothing about them at all. Avi Cohen is learning the trade at Liverpool, but their team and players are a mystery to me.

I don't know about conditions out there, or pitches. All I know is that after Iran they won't be underestimated!

This Saturday (November 10) we visit Stoke, who started the season well, but have stuttered a little recently. I have a lot of respect for Alan Durban, whom I rate as one of the best young managers around.

I can sympathise with him being forced to adopt a cautious attitude

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AT 31, and with nine seasons behind him at Anfield, Steve Heighway could retire tomorrow a happy man.

During those nine seasons he has picked up nine winner's medals, spanning the full range of domestic and European honours. F.A. Cup (once), League Championship (four times), U.E.F.A. Cup (twice) and European Cup (twice).

At the beginning of this season, as David Johnson began to establish himself in Heighway's famous number nine shirt, it was suggested that Steve's own highway had reached its crossroads.

"I'm not finished yet," he says. "I have a lot of things that I still want to do."

"My immediate plans? To stay at Liverpool and see out the remainder of my contract that expires at the end of the season.

"After that the ball is in Liverpool's court. I'll stay at Anfield as long as they want me."

It is that sort of spirit that has guided Liverpool to so much success over the last decade. It is a family spirit at Anfield. Once entrenched it is very difficult to break away from — not that many players wish to anyway!

"Liverpool is a fabulous club," says Heighway. "They have been my life for nine years now and I couldn't imagine not being part of the set-up."

"I suppose the day will come. But right now I'm happy to be around. And Liverpool have made it very clear that they want me to stay."

Heighway's career at Anfield took off in October, 1970, when he made his debut at Tottenham. He made another 28 appearances that season, scoring four goals, including one against Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final of that year which

Arsenal went on to win 2-1.

Heighway is a native of Dublin. In fact he made his debut for the Republic of Ireland one month before his First Division debut.

He is also one of a select band of footballers who prove that not all of them have brains in their boots, having graduated from Warwick University with a degree in Economics and Politics.

That explains his late entry into professional football. He was 22 when Bill Shankly spotted his potential at Skelmersdale United.

"I heard stories that Liverpool scouts were watching our games," says Heighway. "But you never think that it is you they have their eye on."

Job Finding

"I couldn't believe it when Shanks asked me to go to Liverpool. At the time I wasn't sure. Having just finished at University I was thinking more in terms of finding a job and settling down.

"Anyway I decided to give it a year. If it didn't work out I wouldn't have lost anything. It proved to be the best decision I have ever made."

Despite his intellectual background, Heighway is not thinking about returning to an academic life when he does finally hang up his boots.

"I have been away from it too long," he says. "But I do have plans for when I finish."

"I've a sport's business not far from where I live in Southport. It is going well, but I want to do more than just run that."

"My thoughts now are to move



into the sponsorship, finance and marketing side of sport. I have been involved on that side of the fence at Liverpool over the last few years or so, and I would like to expand on it."

What about following the lucrative path of so many of our professionals to America?

"It has crossed my mind," says Heighway. "But if I did go it would be with a view to gaining experience on the sponsorship and finance side."

Testimonial

"I must be honest. I haven't really thought about management. Mainly because of the things I've been saying."

Should Heighway be at Anfield next season then he will be granted a well deserved testimonial.

"Again, that depends on Liverpool," he says. "The policy at Anfield is to re-new contracts for players over 30 only on a one-year basis. I know Ray Clemence recently signed a four year contract, but that was because of his specialist position."

"At the end of this season if Liverpool offer me another contract I will sign it. I'll go on doing so until they make it very plain that there is no longer a place for me on the staff."

That could well be quite some time. Heighway is a very popular figure around Anfield. And a very valuable member of that much-envied squad.

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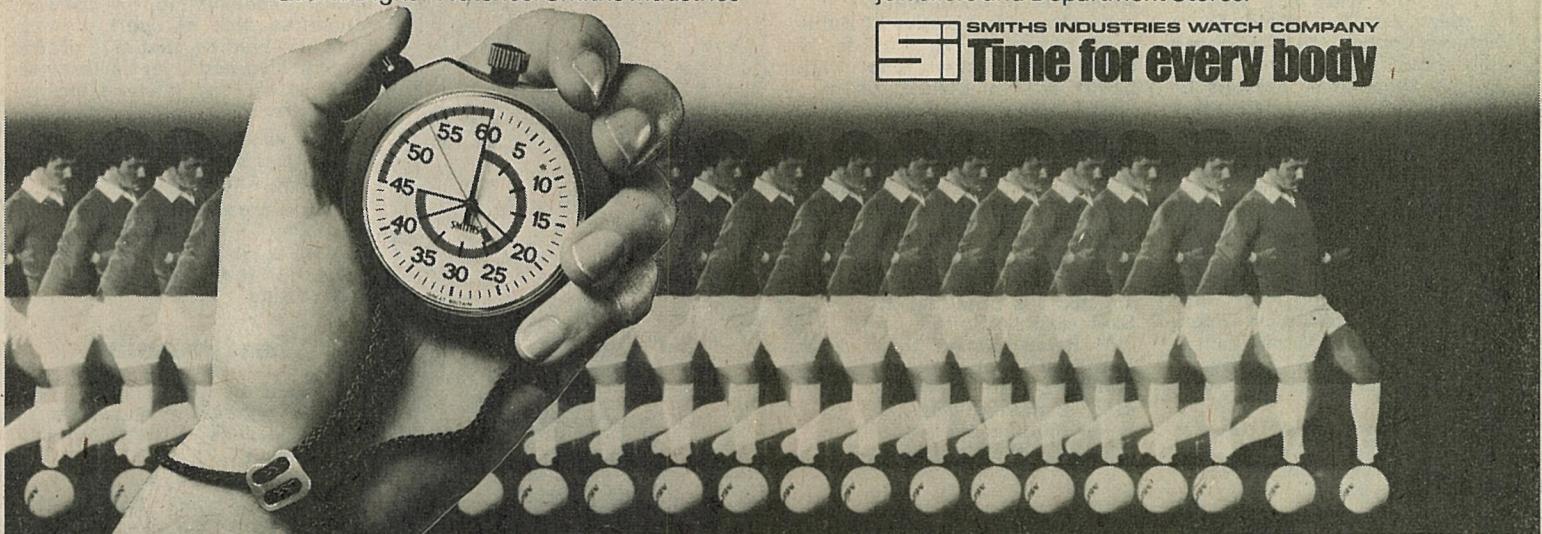
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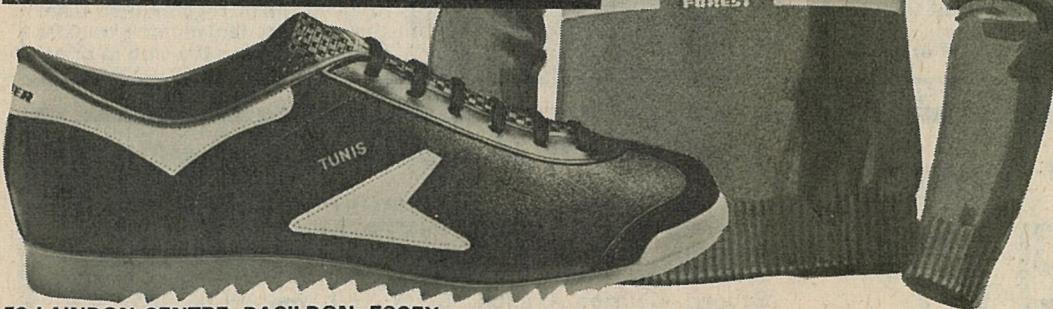
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CELTIC

-the job that will never end

WHEN Billy McNeill left Aberdeen to return to his first love Celtic before the start of last season he was under no illusions about the enormity of the task that awaited him.

Celtic, by their own exceptionally high standards, were in the doldrums. They had failed to win anything, had been beaten by every other team in the Premier with the odd exception of Dundee United and had even missed out on booking a ticket to Europe for the first time in 14 years.

The team, in short, needed a kiss of life. McNeill gave it that. The rewards for valour and courage can be great and the gods smiled on McNeill and Celtic at the end of the season when the Premier title came to Parkhead.

Not that good fortune had anything to do with it. Celtic fought hard for that trophy and deserved to win it by their sheer consistency and appetite to consume setbacks and come battling back.

Afterwards McNeill was asked if he was satisfied. He reflected for a moment and then said: "I'm happy, but, you know, I don't think this job will ever be done."

Hiding

Those words are so true. Celtic, like their old rivals Rangers, and Manchester United and Liverpool, are a team that is EXPECTED to win things. They are on a hiding to nothing. If Celtic win the title again this season, the fans will undoubtedly be happy, but they will hardly be surprised.

When a team wins nine successive League Championships — like Celtic did between the glory years of 1966 to 1975 — they have a lot to live up to. They have a standard to carry, a fresh challenge to meet in every new season.

There is a huge onus on Celtic to continue being successful and McNeill pointed out last season: "Obviously I'm delighted with the progress of some of my players. Youngsters became men with the performances that won the League."

"In the match against Rangers that eventually clinched the title I couldn't have been more proud of my players."

"They were given mountains to climb in that game and

they refused to lie down. That was a display that made you proud to be a Celt."

McNeill uses the word 'pride' quite a lot. When he first came back to the club, taking assistant John Clark with him, he went on record as saying: "I want to get pride back into this team. I want the players to care about Celtic . . . I want them to care about that jersey."

The words echoed around Parkhead. Some players got the message. The ones who didn't aren't there anymore.

Billy McNeill is known as a fair man. As a player he was scrupulously clean. He became the



Manager Billy McNeill.

epitome of a Celtic player with his golden hair and handsome good looks. He strutted proudly — that word again? — with his chest thrust out and he was a marvellous ambassador for the club, on and off the field.

He became one of the greatest captains in the history of the club that was founded in 1888. When you mention Celtic you immediately think of wonderfully-gifted, excitingly-talented players and McNeill's name always crops up.

Just run through some of the awe-inspiring players who have donned that famous green and white jersey. Jimmy McGrory, for a start, is a legendary figure.

He once scored eight goals against Dunfermline in one game and afterwards someone asked him how he had managed it. Jimmy, who was later to become manager of the club, replied with complete humility and honesty: "I was just in the right place at the right time."

Statistics show that McGrory

was quite often in the right place at the right time. In a career spanning 1922-38, he scored 410 goals in only 408 games.

There are other names, too. Jimmy Quinn, a huge, bull of a centre-forward. He scored goals with amazing courage, putting his head where others wouldn't even think of putting their feet.

And then there was Charlie Tully, who bedazzled defenders with his incredible footwork. The word 'impossible' was never in his dictionary, and he did things that drove hard-men defenders to the brink of suicide.

In a memorable Cup match against Falkirk, Tully took a corner-kick out on the right. With supreme precision he sent a delicate, curling effort over the 'keeper's head straight into the net. The referee ruled it out and a Falkirk player said: "Let's see you try to do that again, Charlie."

Cheeky

Tully placed the ball again, looked up . . . and curled another kick directly into the top corner of the net. "That okay, ref?", enquired cheeky Charlie. "We could be here all night, you know."

Patsy Gallacher was another from the same mould. In a game against Dundee, he mesmerised three defenders and took the ball round the 'keeper. Patsy lost his balance and fell, but before the 'keeper could throw himself on to the ball, the Celt got the ball between his legs and somersaulted over the line.

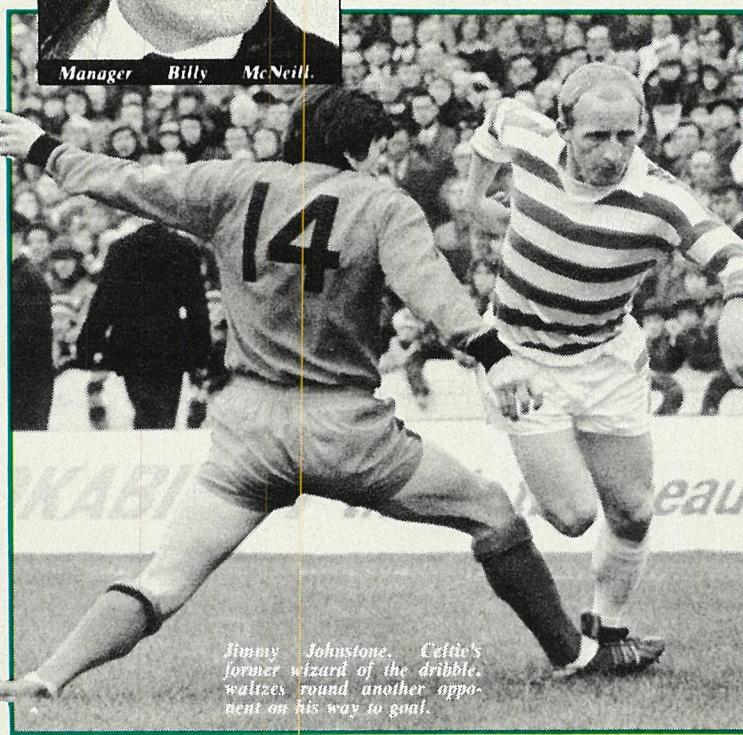
Willie Fernie, Bobby Collins, Bertie Peacock, Neilly Mochan, John Thompson . . . the names keep coming at you. They shine in Celtic's history like sparkling jewels. And, of course, there are the players who helped Celtic to become the first British club to claim the European Cup in 1967, when they defeated Inter Milan 2-1 in Lisbon.

Ronnie Simpson — he made his debut for Scotland at 37 — was in goal; Jim Craig and Tommy Gemmell were the full-backs. Bobby Murdoch and Bertie Auld patrolled the midfield while Jimmy Johnstone created havoc on the right-wing. Stevie Chalmers, Bobby Lennox and Willie Wallace were the

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Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch and John Clark celebrate Celtic's European Cup triumph in 1967 against Inter Milan.



Jimmy Johnstone, Celtic's former wizard of the dribble, waltzes round another opponent on his way to goal.

CELTIC



BACK ROW (left to right): Billy McNeill (manager), Tommy Burns, Mike Conroy, Roddie McDonald, Peter Latchford, Johannes Edvaldsson, Joe Fillipi, Andy Lynch, Roy Aitken, John Clark (assistant manager).

TRIC



FRONT ROW: Davie Provan, George McCluskey, Tom McAdam, Danny McGrain, Bobby Lennox, Murdo MacLeod, Johnny Doyle, Vic Davidson.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Continued

main marksmen and, of course, Billy McNeill and John Clark were the rock in the middle of the defence upon all this was built.

Celtic fans sigh when that team is read out and you can't blame them. Tommy Gemmell, now the Dundee manager, says: "I don't think there is such a thing as perfection in football, but if there is, then that Celtic team of 1967 was it."

Johnstone was the number one personality with an assortment of talents that combined to make him a sparkling entertainer.

Before a particularly tough European Cup-tie against Red Star Belgrade a decade ago Jock Stein, one of the shrewdest tacticians in world football, took Johnstone aside for a quiet word.

Johnstone had a fear of flying, and Stein said: "If we win by four clear goals you don't have to fly to Yugoslavia for the second-leg."

At half-time it was 1-1. Stein was laying his plans, but he still took time off to say to Johnstone: "Remember, Jimmy... I meant what I said."

That was enough for Johnstone. He tortured the Slavs in the second-half. He sparked to life with a demoralising display of wizardry. With minutes remaining Celtic were winning 4-1. Johnstone knew they still had to score another.

He had already netted one after the interval and set up another but



Billy McNeill and
Leeds skipper Billy
Bremner before the
sides met in the
European Cup in
1970.

he was still one short of his target. With immaculate timing he went on a solo run, dazzling the Red Star defenders with his brilliance before sending a low shot past the helpless, groping goalkeeper.

Johnstone had saved himself a journey. Jock Stein wasn't complaining. He is well known for his psychology, The Big Man. "I could listen to him for hours," says Pat Crerand, another former Celtic great. "When he talked everyone knew it was worth listening to. He made everything sound so simple, too. He never

went in for the fancy jargon that used to baffle everyone."

Before the memorable European Cup Semi-Final tie with Leeds in 1970 Stein was at the blackboard for a tactics talk and he kept pointing to the number seven on the board.

"This is Jimmy Johnstone," he said. "He's going to win this game for us. Just wait and see."

Johnstone says: "He kept saying it over and over again until I realised I couldn't let him down. It became a statement of fact after a while. It worked too."

The little impish Johnstone was immense in both games and Celtic went through to the Final on a 3-1 aggregate, winning 1-0 at Elland Road and 2-1 at Hampden.

Alas, Celtic eased off in the Final in the San Siro Stadium in Milan against Feyenoord. They took the lead with a blistering low shot from the explosive right foot of Tommy Gemmell, but Rinus Israel, the Dutch skipper, swiftly equalised and in the dying minutes of extra-time Ove Kindvall hit the winner.

Celtic's pride took a dent that evening in Italy. There are still determined to bring that European Cup back to Parkhead and in their present mood it is difficult to bet against them.

The club is steeped in tradition. Modern day players such as Danny McGrain, Davie Provan, Roy Aitken, George McCluskey, Murdo MacLeod and the like carry on the good work.

They are looking to the future. The past can certainly look after itself as far as Celtic are concerned. They have won a mountain of trophies as well as thousands of fans with their exciting flair.

Billy McNeill took on a demanding task when he moved into the Celtic hot seat. Hard work obviously doesn't frighten him, but it is worth recalling those earlier words.

"I don't think this job will ever be done."

Celtic are not afforded the luxury of a season or two in the wilderness. We doubt in fact, if they would have it any other way!

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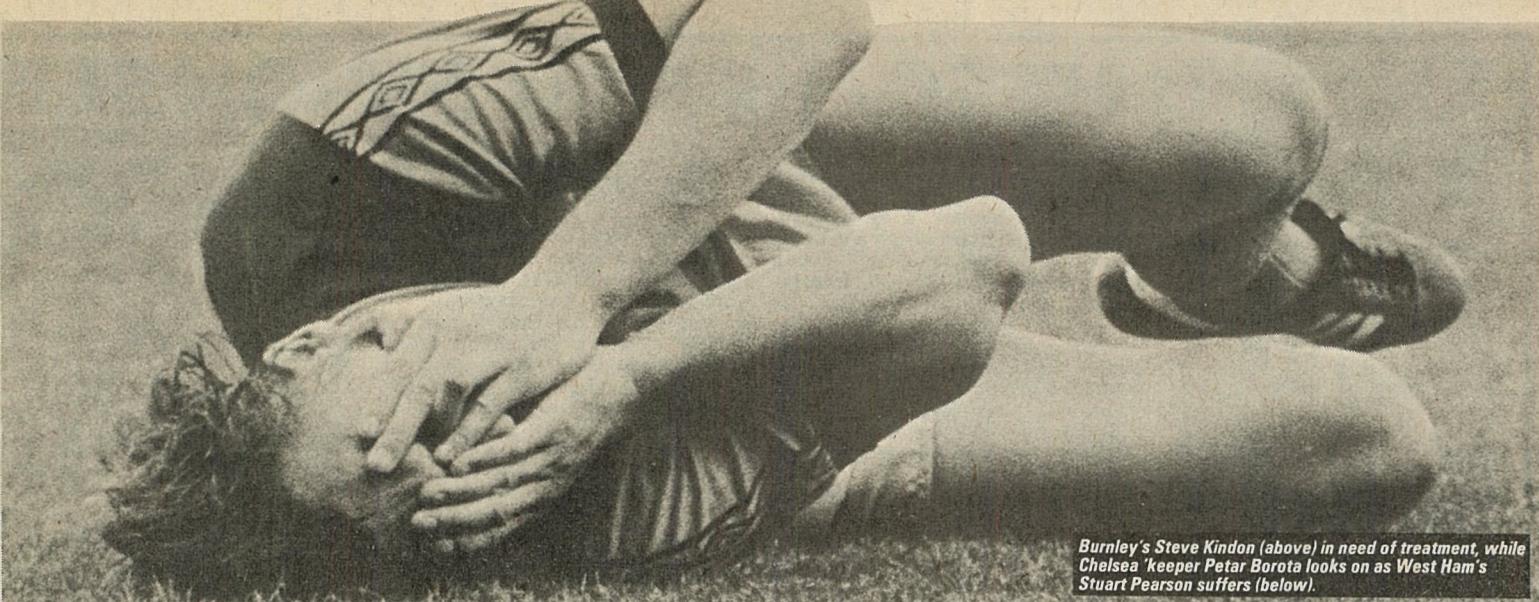
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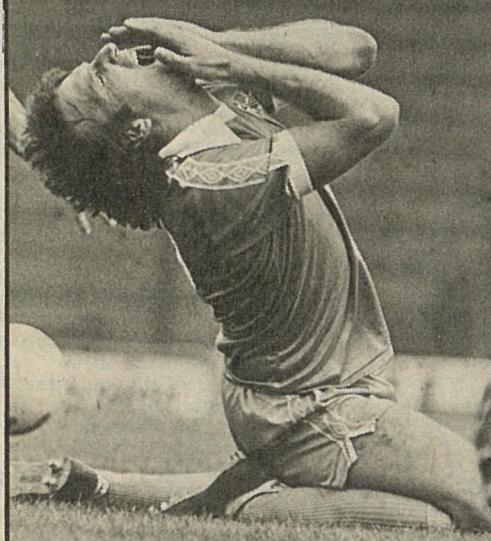
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Burnley's Steve Kindon (above) in need of treatment, while Chelsea 'keeper Petar Borota looks on as West Ham's Stuart Pearson suffers (below).

WHO SAYS THEY'RE SOFT?

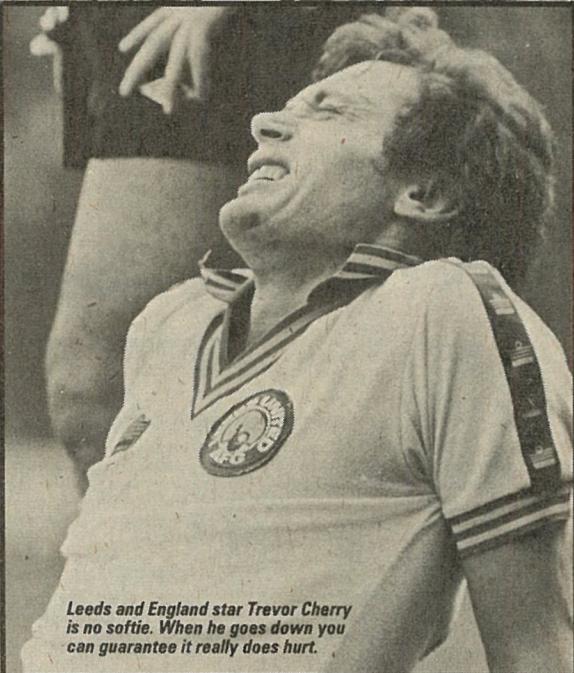


Even a £1.4 million price tag can't protect Manchester City's Steve Daley from injury.

"**T**HREE are too many players today who are only in the game for a living. We want players who love the game, who are prepared to graft at it all week and then give 100 per cent on a Saturday . . ." Well said Bobby Gould, Chelsea's newly appointed assistant-manager. But we're not sure we agree with you always, Bobby. It takes the courage and commitment of a real professional to suffer bruising contact on match days as our gallery of agony reveals.



Morton full-back Davie Hayes looks on as a team-mate is about to benefit from that tried and trusted remedy — the 'magic sponge'.



Leeds and England star Trevor Cherry is no softie. When he goes down you can guarantee it really does hurt.

SPAIN's 0-1 defeat by Miljan Miljanic's revitalised Yugoslavia side in the European Championship was the Spaniards' first home defeat for 11 years. Their last reverse was a 1-2 defeat at the hands of England in Madrid on May 8th, 1968.

WORLD WIDE



compiled by
CHRIS DAVIES

Fillol to leave?

I REPORTED that River Plate are likely to release Leopoldo Luque following Ramon "Pelado" Diaz's excellent form during the World Youth Championship.

Now it seems as though his World Cup companion Ubaldo Fillol could also be on the move before too long. The 29-year-old goalkeeper has definitely failed to agree terms with River Plate after a long and bitter disagreement, and both sides are now resigned to the fact Fillol will see out his contract on "regulation wages" after which he'll be free to negotiate his own transfer, just as Alberto Tarantini was when he arrived at Birmingham City.

River will be keen to transfer Fillol before his contract expires so that they can pocket at least a share of the fee.

£1,000 an interview!

MEMBERS of the Argentina Youth Team which won the World Championship in Japan have taken the shock decision of charging a fee of £1,000 for appearing on non-sporting TV programmes.

In Argentina, as in most other countries, players are not usually paid for their Press relations work such as newspaper, radio and TV interviews, but Diego Maradona's manager Jorge Cyterszpiler (what a name) is the man behind the move..

If the Youth Team are charging £1,000, I dread to think how much they'll charge if they make the first team in the 1982 World Cup!

All-star team for Australia?

PLANS are going ahead in Australia to form an all-star team like the Cosmos. Preliminary enquiries reveal that businessmen in the Sydney area are willing to back the scheme to the tune of £50,000 each. The idea is to get 20 such backers and then recruit top players from Europe and South America.

Commenting on the move, Sir Arthur George, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, said: "It should be feasible. The two big Sydney clubs may even consider joining forces as a major unit. I'm sure the public would welcome a new top team."

The principle is to raise the overall standard Down Under. The supporters in Sydney are enthusiastic and knowledgeable.

It is also hoped that national team coach Rudi Gutendorf would manage the side after his World Cup commitments are over.

A new 75,000 capacity stadium is being built in nearby Parramatta.

KEEGAN FOR SIMONSEN SWOP?

YES, you've read right. Kevin Keegan could easily be pulling on Barcelona's maroon-and-blue shirt next season if he and his present club, Hamburger SV, agree to a swap-plus-cash deal involving the 26-year-old Danish international winger Allan Simonsen.

At first glance, the idea might seem crazy. After all, the Spanish club has only recently signed Simonsen on a three-year £300,000 contract. But let's explain the background to a deal that could be Europe's top soccer sensation in 1980.

Under Spanish regulations, clubs are permitted to have only two foreign internationals in their squad — and Barcelona's other import is Austrian striker Hans Krankl, under contract till 1981.

Krankl, who topped the Spanish goal-charts with 29 goals last season, is the idol of the Catalan fans, yet of late has been in dispute with manager Joaquin Rife after returning to Spain a day late following the Scotland/Austria game. Rife promptly dropped him and although Krankl is a big favourite with the supporters, it started a few whisperings that the club could offer EITHER player to HSV as Keegan-bait. But sources in the Catalan capital say Simonsen is the player more likely to be released if the crunch comes.

Simonsen's arrival was surrounded by bitter controversy, and even Joaquin Rife admits it was a "hasty decision". Allan's arrival meant the departure of Dutch international Johan Neeskens, who had made a tremendous impact in his five years.

And while the fans have given Simonsen a warm welcome, he simply hasn't the same magic crowd appeal as the flamboyant Dutchman. In his first months with the club he's naturally found it difficult to adapt, and his form has been erratic.

"At the moment the other players and I don't speak the same language — neither on the pitch nor off it!" he ruefully admits. Even so, one would hardly expect Bar-

BEFORE the VfB Stuttgart/Borussia Dortmund Bundesliga game, VfB's Roland Hattenberger was given a pain-killing injection in a tooth that was causing him considerable discomfort. Hattenberger played, but the man he was marking, Manfred Burgsmüller, scored; it was the first time in three years, apparently, that Hattenberger's direct opponent had scored.

celona to be even considering the transfer of a player who was voted European Footballer of the Year only a couple of seasons ago.

But there's another important factor at work. Barcelona president Josep Lluís Núñez clinched Simonsen's signature last March — only to find that in the remainder of the season home-grown left-winger Carrasco was to develop into a really fine prospect. Bobby Robson was impressed with the 20-year-old when Ipswich met the Spanish side in the Cup-Winners' Cup, and Carrasco made a fine impression in Barcelona's win over Fortuna Dusseldorf in the Final.

Simonsen's arrival has complicated the scene. At the moment, the Dane is playing in the number 11 shirt, as Carrasco is doing his military service and will be unavailable for practically the whole season. But when he returns next term there'll be an embarrassing clash of candidates for the number 11 shirt, and many fans are already complaining about the prospect of an import keeping one of the country's top young talents out of First Division football.

Celebrating

Hence Barcelona's interest in right-winger Keegan, to make a striking trio of Carrasco, Krankl and Keegan. Local-born right-winger Carlos Rexach will be celebrating his 33rd birthday in January and even though Argentinian-born Juan Carlos Heredia is a fine individualist, he's injury-prone and often falls short on team-work.

The result is a suspect right flank, and Hans Krankl has already been complaining this season that he's not receiving centres "in good condition".

Núñez and his directors have been openly enthusiastic about Keegan for a long time, and he is obviously the ideal man to provide individual skills and supply Krankl with suitable ammunition.

Blacklisted Brazilian

BRAZIL is in the throes of a political amnesty. Political dissidents, including leaders of the Communist Party, have begun to find their way back home. But there is a Brazilian who still thinks of himself as an exile in his own country and this Brazilian is a football player, the controversial Paulo César Lima.

First he claimed that he had been banned from the Brazilian team for political reasons by the Minister of Education. Now they have a new Minister of Education and he still hasn't been called, he puts the blame squarely on manager Cláudio Coutinho.

They are not on speaking terms and Paulo César claims Coutinho blacklisted him after he campaigned for better bonuses for all players when Brazil were playing the qualifying games for the 1978 World Cup, two years ago.



If you think that Allan Simonsen isn't likely to agree to pack his bags after only one year in Spain, it seems that he'll have little choice in the matter. Barcelona insisted on inserting a clause in his contract whereby the club reserves the right to transfer the Dane at any time during the three-year agreement.

So Barcelona are initially approaching Hamburger SV with an unprecedented exchange proposition involving two consecutive European Footballers of the Year. Significantly, HSV showed interest in signing Simonsen last year, but his previous club, Borussia Mönchengladbach, stuck to their policy of refusing to sell top players to rival West German clubs. Now it looks as though Simonsen could be making the journey from Mönchengladbach to Hamburg by way of Barcelona!

Of course, a lot will depend on Kevin himself. But he's made no secret of his intention to leave Hamburg at the end of this season, and he's made sure that a reasonable price-tag of £450,000 will give him several options to choose from.

Our guess is he'll jump at the chance of moving to Barcelona. He's openly spoken of his desire to spend a couple of years in Spain before the 1982 World Cup, and he was disappointed when the £700,000 deal with Real Madrid fell through in 1977, when Real finally feared that he'd "clash" with their talented right-winger Juanito.

From Kevin's point of view, a spell on the Mediterranean coast could turn out to be a more pleasing prospect for his family than the harsher climate of inland Madrid.

In the meantime, the Barcelona directors will be trying to conduct the negotiations under a strict veil of secrecy (a few months ago they almost secured Diego Maradona on a year's loan after a James Bond-style operation in Rome) and any moves in the Keegan direction will be stoutly denied by all parties.

Only time will tell ...

EDDIE FIRMANI, sacked last June as coach of the Cosmos, has signed a three-year, £50,000 per year contract with the Philadelphia Fury. Firmani, a South African who once managed Charlton Athletic and was assistant manager of Crystal Palace, had the best record of any NASL coach, winning two Championships with the Cosmos, when he was fired. After leaving them, he joined the New Jersey Americans in the American Soccer League. Now Firmani, 46, is back in the main soccer League.



Embarrassing problem

IN Argentina, Boca Juniors find themselves in an embarrassing situation — they acquired the services of Oscar Fabbiani, the Argentinian who ended the U.S. season as leading striker, to lead their attack during the National Championship... and then discovered a home grown wonder-striker in the shape of 20-year-old Carlos Daniel Randazzo.

The young centre-forward had been playing in Boca's reserve teams and only got his chance in the first team following a run of injuries to the regular strikers. Randazzo grabbed his chance with four goals in four games and manager Juan Carlos Lorenzo is now left with an embarrassing problem.

What a name!

SEVEN players were sent-off on the fourth day of the National Championship programme in Argentina. The main offenders were Independiente Rivadavia, who had three men dismissed in ten minutes near the end of the 0-1 defeat by All Boys.

Two of the other naughty boys were from Alianza, who managed to hold out with only nine men to clinch a 2-1 home win against Ferro Carril Oeste.

Incidentally, Alianza are the dread of scoreboard operators all over Argentina — their full name is Alianza Juventud Unida Universitario Pringles de San Luis!

THE inclusion of China in FIFA and their agreement to play Taiwan both at home and away, if necessary, is a considerable diplomatic coup for president Joao Havelange. Havelange has been making strenuous efforts for over four years to obtain China's re-integration into FIFA without penalising Taiwan. This has now come about and it will not be lost on the world's politicians that FIFA is the only world organisation where both China and Taiwan are members and where both have direct meetings both on and off the sporting field.

News flashes

SIGNOR ANDREA ZENESINI, former chairman of Mantova and the Italian "Lega Nazionale," has been released by kidnappers after ten months captivity. His family paid up £1,175,000 ransom.

THE OLDEST SUPPORTER OF JUVENTUS is an 87-year-old lady, Signora Caterina Daniele. She made the trip to Hungary for the away U.E.F.A. Cup game with ETO Gyor.

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT are so pleased with the form of their Korean star, Tscha Bum, they have taken his recommendation and invited another Korean, Kim Chin Kook, to join them. The Korean didn't have the necessary 3,000 DM to pay his fare so the club paid it for him.

Police in Brazil arrested a referee on the pitch during a local match. The charge was that "he had become a public nuisance" . . . for refusing the home team a penalty!

AFTER THE RECENT Young Boys (Berne) v. Steau (Rumania) European game, Vioral Nastase nipped away with officials of Munich 1860 who had approached him. He is now training with 1860, though of course he expects a suspension from U.E.F.A.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY, IBV Vestmannaeyjar have won the Championship in Iceland.



Former Bayern Munich goal-ace, Gerd Müller, who now plays for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, is back in West Germany. He is training with Bayern's rivals, 1860 Munich, during the NASL close-season. Here, Der Bomber is seen with 1860's trainer Alfred Baumann.

SOME workmen high in the Giants Stadium were repairing part of the Cosmos ground when a few started to jeer Giorgio Chinaglia. The Cosmos star interrupted his training session and three ended up in hospital. You don't fool around with Chinaglia.

They call his club the New York Chinaglias, so much power does he have. It was Chinaglia who persuaded the Cosmos to replace Gordon Bradley with Eddie Firmani. His team-mates don't tell him anything they don't want to reach the owners. Chinaglia is a personal friend of Steve Ross, the chairman of Warner Communications who own the Cosmos; the player even has an office on the 29th floor of the Warner building.

Giorgio Chinaglia is the ultimate in player-power. A multi-millionaire, the highest-paid footballer in the world and, if you place any value on statistics achieved in the North American Soccer League, the world's most prolific goalscorer over the past three years.

Not bad for a player who, at the age of 15, was playing for Swansea Town, as they were then known. Chinaglia was born in Italy and lived there for the first nine years of his life. The Chinaglias moved to Cardiff and at 13 he was spotted by Swansea. Giorgio looked a good prospect, but before his talents could blossom his family moved back to Italy, where he did his

military service. As soon as his three years were up, Lazio of Rome gave him his chance in the First Division. He scored around 100 goals in his 200 appearances, which in Italy is a near-miracle. Giorgio Chinaglia was a superstar and he remembers: "The papers would send reporters to my house for a story. I was always on page one, the Pope on page two..."

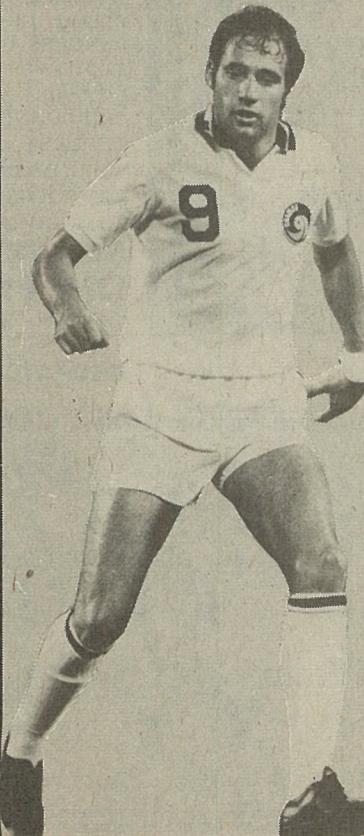
In 1974 Chinaglia was selected for Italy's World Cup squad. You may not remember the incident, but you'll remember the game — against Haiti when Sanon ended Dino Zoff's 1,000-plus minute shut-out record. During that game Chinaglia was substituted and took it out on the dressing-room.

In 1975 Chinaglia flew to New York and sold himself to the Cosmos. Even now the New York Italians still boo Chinaglia at every opportunity because they think he was a traitor to his homeland.

'Converted'

Giorgio is a journalist's dream, always ready to speak his mind. When America rejoiced as Pelé arrived, Chinaglia remarked that he'd have to "carry the Brazilian until he was properly fit." And Beckenbauer? "He won't attract many fans. Goalscorers do, but defenders don't." Franz arrived as a sweeper, but was quickly converted into a play-maker. On

DON'T MESS WITH GIORGIO



whose say-so is easy to guess.

The story goes that Chinaglia also wanted Pelé to play deeper because Giorgio wanted to score all the goals. Coach Gordon Bradley disagreed, but eventually was ousted by Eddie Firmani ... thanks to you know who.

Chinaglia's critics say he is bound to score as the team have to play to him. In 1978 Chinaglia had a rival in the shape of Mike Flanagan, who arrived at the New England Tea Men unknown in the States. He wasn't anonymous for long as the goals came regularly.

"I even started to dream about this guy Flanagan," says Chinaglia. "He was pushing me all the time." In the end, Giorgio won the battle for goals 34-30, but he didn't exactly weep when Flanagan didn't return this summer; he doesn't take too kindly to upstarts threatening his position as Goal King.

In 1979, the "unknown" who threatened and eventually beat Chinaglia was Tampa Bay's Oscar Fabbiani. For the first time since he arrived in New York, Giorgio wasn't the NASL's top scorer.

Next season Chinaglia will be 33, although he'll still be playing. After that . . . who knows? Rumour has it he's guaranteed a job within the Cosmos after he's quit as a player. In what capacity no one knows.

Whatever it is, woe betide anyone who messes with Chinaglia.

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DEBUT GOAL

IAN WALLACE
(Coventry)

What can you remember of your debut for Scotland against Bulgaria, and what was it like to score the winning goal?

Paul Jenkins,
Coventry.



IAN WALLACE

Well, Paul, I was only substitute in that game and remember thinking that I would never get on. But with 16 minutes to go Derek Johnstone and myself came on for Kenny Dalglish and Joe Jordan and although it seemed ages before I got my first touch, I soon settled down. Then Graeme Souness put a ball through to me and I didn't even have time to think about it. I just put the ball away, and the noise those 57,000 Scottish fans made was incredible. We won 2-1, and I just hope I can maintain my current form and earn an international recall.

CUP FINAL SAVE

BOBBY CLARK
(Aberdeen)

Which do you rate as your best ever save?

Andrew Melvin,
Bishopbriggs.

It's never easy to distinguish what is a really good save, Andrew. The fans seem to enjoy the spectacular high-flying variety, but I prefer the ones where anticipation means you are in exactly the right spot at the right time. I always remember a save from ex-Celt Ronnie Glavin in the League Cup Final four years ago. I watched the move build up, realised what Ronnie was looking for and sprinted from my line to block his shot when he got into the penalty-area. It wasn't breathtaking, but it was very satisfactory and so effective. We went on to win 2-1.



TREVOR BROOKING

MOORE OR BONDS?

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(West Ham)

In your time at Upton Park you have played with Bobby Moore and Billy Bonds. Which do you think made the better captain?

Jeff Harling,
Walthamstow.

That's a tough one, Jeff. Bobby liked to lead by example. Our play was based on building from the back, and that was usually through him because he was such a great player. Billy is a more physical, aggressive type. He gives 100 per cent commitment to every game. I can't choose between them.

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TIRING STATESIDE?

WILLIE MORGAN (Bolton)

For the past few seasons you've played in the United States during the summer. When you return to Bolton Wanderers and the Football League, do you feel tired and jaded?

Not at all, Peter. In fact, the complete opposite. I return refreshed and raring to go and looking forward to playing for Bolton again. I played nearly 30 games for Minnesota Kicks in four months and, although I couldn't play there for 12 months, it keeps me fit for the arduous Football League programme.

PREMIER SET-UP

GRAEME PAYNE
(Dundee Utd)

What do you think of the Premier Division set-up?

Fraser Gibson,
Newton Mearns.

It's so tight it squeaks! Honestly, there is no margin for error and a lot of teams are forced to play it safe. My boss, Jim McLean, also believes it clamps down on individual play and I have to agree with him. Possibly teams meeting each other at least four times in one season is a bit too much.

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ENGLAND'S IRISH FAN

DAVID O'LEARY
(Arsenal)

As a Londoner, playing for the Republic of Ireland, do you ever regret not selecting England when you had the chance?

David Probert,
Islington.

I moved to Eire when I was very young and although I think of myself as Irish, I am very pleased when England do well—as long as it is not at the expense of the Republic as is the case in the European Championship table. Come next summer, I will be cheering as loud as anyone and hoping Ron Greenwood's men can bring home the trophy. I have no regrets about choosing the Republic and am very proud to be part of their set-up.

SETTLED AT ST. ANDREWS

JIMMY CALDERWOOD
(Birmingham)

Although you've failed to gain a regular spot in the first team this season, you are still my favourite player at Birmingham. Could you tell me how Archie Gemmill and Colin Todd have settled in and how much their influence shows through in training?

Jane Moss,
Birmingham.

They've settled in as though they have been at St. Andrews all their careers. Archie is the talker—always geeing players up and they respond to him. Colin, on the other hand, is quiet and tends to let his football do the talking. They are both very experienced players and this often shows in training and in matches.



WILLIE MORGAN

TRAINING

KEVIN HIRD
(Leeds Utd)

Since your move from Blackburn Rovers to Leeds United, have you noticed any differences in training between the First and lower Division club?

Tony Casey,
Blackburn.

The only difference since my arrival at Elland Road is that Leeds concentrate more on ball work in training than Blackburn used to. The general standard of fitness is virtually the same, and I have not found it harder to keep up with all the other lads at the club.

INFLUENCE

KEVIN BOND
(Norwich)

When were you spotted and how much influence has your father had on your career?

Sally Hendrie,
Stockport.

I was at school, Sally, in Bournemouth and my dad was manager of the club and he invited me to go training at Dean Court on Thursday evenings. After six months I signed apprentice forms. A little while after that my father took over at Norwich and I was eventually told by the club that I wouldn't make it as a professional. And that's where dad came in again. He took me with him to Norwich. As you can see my father has had the biggest influence on my career.

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Penalty saves

Is it true Arsenal's Pat Jennings once saved two penalties in a game against Liverpool?

P. A. PRICE,
STROUD

● Quite true, except that he was still a Spurs player then.

It was in the 1-1 draw on 31st March, 1973 — and Pat had the cheek to do it right in front of the Kop!

Those fine saves, and the point they cost, could have altered the eventual identity of the League Champs — but, a few weeks later, Liverpool still managed to pull it off.

Aston Villa

As a keen fan of Aston Villa, I'd like to know how they got their rather unusual name.

MICHAEL JOHNSON,
CHESHIRE

● Quite simple, really, Michael. The old-time founders of the club, back in 1874, were members of the Villa Cross Wesleyan Chapel in the Aston district of Birmingham.

At their inaugural meeting — staged, it's said, one wet-and-windy night under a local lamp-post! — suggestions for a name for the new club were invited . . . and after tossing several around, it was eventually agreed that Aston Villa was the most suitable.

Q.P.R. ahead

Have Q.P.R. ever been higher than Liverpool in the League?

MICHAEL SHARP,
CORNWALL

● Yes, they have, Michael — for several weeks in the 1975-76 season — though never ending-up that way.

But they nearly did. Q.P.R. had finished their First Division programme on top of the tree on 24th April — although Liverpool still had a game to play.

This was at Wolves on 4th May — and, with only 14 minutes left, they were still trailing 0-1 to an early Steve Kindon goal.

It looked good for Rangers — but Keegan, Toshack, and Kennedy had other ideas in the goal department. And so, in those dying moments, the title went to Liverpool instead by 60 points to Rangers' 59.

Mac's clubs

Can you please tell me all Ted MacDougall's League clubs?

LIS TEDMAN,
ISLE OF WIGHT

● Although once on Liverpool's books, Lis, he never got a League game there — and his career-proper started with York City in the 1967-68 season.

There he scored 34 goals in 84 League games before moving on to Bournemouth (103 goals in 146 League games).

After that, he scored five goals in 18 League games for Manchester United; five in 24 League games for West Ham; 51 in 112 League games for Norwich; and 42 in 86 League games for Southampton before returning for a second spell with Bournemouth.

There, up to the start of this season, MacDougall had scored eight more goals in 29 League games.

Lawton and Shack

Is it true England stars Tommy Lawton and Len Shackleton each played for two different clubs on the same day?

ANDREW TAYLOR,
DEAL

● It is, Andrew, and it happened in Wartime football — when guest players were allowed — on Christmas Day, 1940.

Lawton played for his own club, Everton, against Liverpool in the morning — and then guested for nearby Tranmere against Crewe in the afternoon.

And Shackleton similarly played for both Bradford clubs — his own Park Avenue, and then for City.

Record transfers

Could you tell me the first British transfer at, or over, £500, £1,000, £5,000, £10,000, £50,000, £100,000, £200,000, £300,000, £500,000, and £1,000,000?

PETER HANCOCK,
CAMBRIDGESHIRE

● Alf Common was the man for both the first two, Peter — £520 (Sheffield Utd. to Sunderland, 1904); and £1,000 (Sunderland to Middlesbrough, 1905).

Next came Syd Puddefoot — £5,000 (West Ham to Falkirk, 1922); and David Jack — £10,890 (Bolton to Arsenal, 1928).

After that it was Denis Law — £55,000 (Huddersfield to Manchester City, 1960); and Law again — £116,000 (Torino to Manchester Utd., 1962).

Then it was Martin Peters — £200,000 (West Ham to Spurs, 1970); Bob Latchford — £350,000 (Birmingham to Everton, 1974); and Kevin Keegan — £500,000 (Liverpool to Hamburger SV, 1977).

The first deal over £1,000,000 came when Forest signed Birmingham's Trevor Francis in February, 1979 — since which time Andy Gray's recent move from Villa to Wolves has pushed the record up by almost another 50 per cent.

Fulham's best

My favourite team is Fulham, and I'd like to know about their best-ever win.

ALFRED FORMOSA,
MALTA

● It was a real Christmas present for Fulham, Alfred — hammering Ipswich 10-1 in a First Division game on 26th December, 1963.

In those days, clubs usually played each other twice over the Christmas holidays — and facing Fulham again at home the very next day must have been a pretty depressing prospect for the Ipswich lads. But against all the omens, Fulham were outplayed — and Ipswich cruised to a quite comfortable 4-2 victory.

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Live-wire TONY EVANS switched on at Birmingham

TONY Evans, Birmingham City's £125,000 close season capture from Cardiff City, is indebted to manager Jim Smith for rescuing his career. If he had stayed at Cardiff he might have quit the game.

He scored on his debut against Fulham and the 24-year-old Liverpool-born striker followed that with a two-goal spree against Cardiff, his old club.

Those goals gave him most pleasure, for Evans still resents the treatment he received at Ninian Park before his departure.

Says Tony: "When I went to Cardiff four years ago from Blackpool, I scored 31 goals and helped the club win promotion to the Second Division.

"The following season I grabbed 24 with 14 matches remaining. Sadly, I injured my groin and this kept me out of action for about ten months.

"It was a bad time. The injury suddenly disappeared for some unknown reason. But before I could become too elated my knee gave way, again for no apparent reason.

"I was sidelined for a further two months and, at the end of that time, the injury disappeared as before. I was fit once again and I've had no reactions to either injury since.

"In about 12 games for Cardiff I notched seven goals. But they were having problems as a team and Jimmy Andrews, the manager who signed me, was sacked.

'Consolidate'

"Richie Morgan took over and he pulled me back into a midfield role in an attempt to consolidate. I played in this position without success on a personal note, but with great success from a team point of view.

"At the end of last season I didn't fancy carrying on in midfield, because I'm an out and out goalscorer — a front runner who thinks positively about the game.

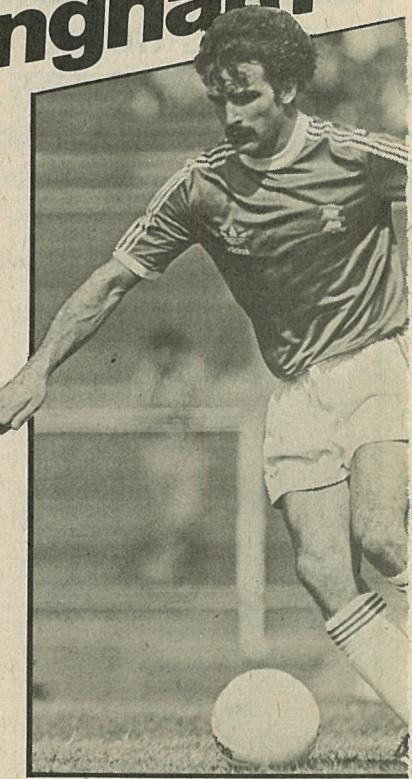
"I spoke to Richie Morgan on this basis and he told me that he would prefer me to continue playing there until things changed.

"Birmingham came in for me and I duly signed. I think this is the ideal club for me.

"The two goals I scored against Cardiff meant a lot to me, especially with the manager and I not seeing eye to eye as to the way I should play.

"Happily at Birmingham, Jim Smith is playing me in the position that he believes is right for me — and I'm obviously in agreement with that.

"The set up at St Andrews is absolutely fantastic. Jim Smith



simply said to me, 'Go out and do your job.' I feel I can talk to him in a very professional manner, because he was interested in me in his Blackburn days.

"I'm grateful to him for giving me another chance and I have to repay him in the only way I know — and that is by scoring goals."

Tony, a qualified electrician, played in the "A" teams of Liverpool, Everton and Blackburn before signing for Blackpool six years ago.

"Liverpool's youth team coach, Tom Saunders, asked me to sign for the Anfield club, but I thought it was best to continue to learn a trade outside football. At Liverpool they want your heart and soul which, as they have proved, is right."

Tony left Cardiff with few regrets. "I was a little sad to leave the fans at Ninian Park who, over the years, have been good to me. Other than that, I feel it will benefit my career so much more by coming to Birmingham. I'm hoping for great things here, culminating in promotion at the end of the season.

"I'm settling in marvellously and they're a great bunch of lads. It's a friendly place with a tremendous band of supporters. The fans are dying for success and this year I think they're going to get it." But the cruel hand of fate, which emerges occasionally to dog Tony's career, has struck again. He broke a bone in his foot against Preston in his ninth game for Birmingham and has only just recovered from injury.

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THE ghost of past glories at Everton Football Club seems to be taking more and more of an active role at Goodison Park these days. As the current Everton side struggles to match the achievements of neighbours Liverpool and previous Goodison sides, Gordon Lee's men are more and more often compared to past teams. And that, says one true Evertonian, is completely unfair.

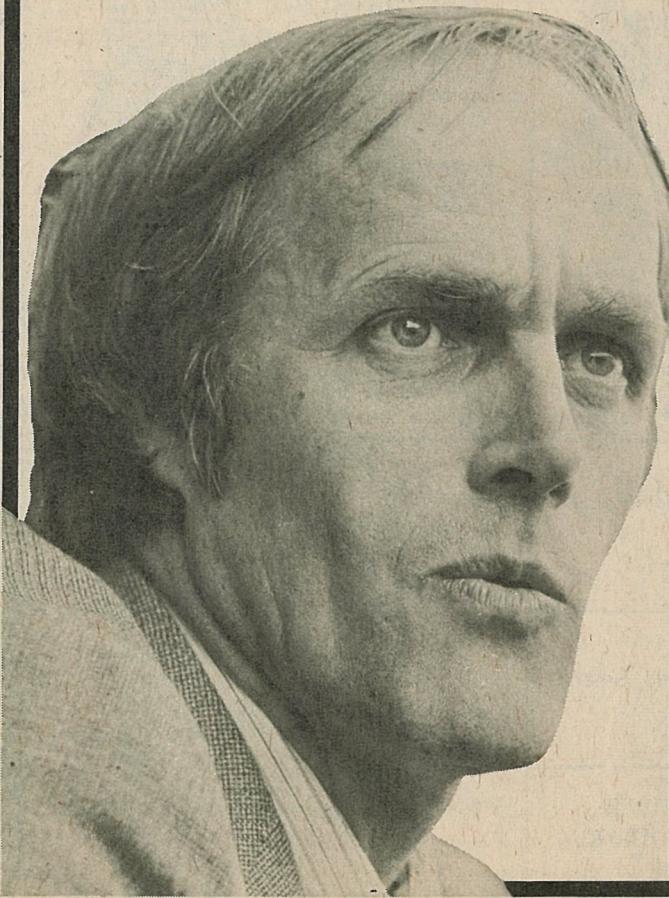
From Bristol, former Everton and England striker Joe Royle has this message for the Goodison Park fans: "Forget the past and back Lee and his men."

"My message to the Everton fans is simple. Give the team a break, forget the past (especially the 1970 team) and be patient. Things will come right."

Royle believes Everton have been desperately unfortunate in recent years. "If they had been a club in any other part of the country, they would have been termed great successes for their record over the last few years. But because they are compared with that 1970 Everton Championship-winning side and also Liverpool, they are rated failures. It is ridiculous



ROYLE hopes LEE will reign supreme at Everton



really.

"That 1970 side was a freak, a one-off thing. We paralysed sides with brilliant football and that so seldom happens. The trouble is that Everton fans seem to want nothing less than that now and it won't happen. Also, Liverpool have been collecting Cups all over the place in recent years and that adds to the pressure on everyone at Goodison.

"It is very unfortunate to see someone like Gordon Lee under pressure because from what I heard on the football grapevine, Everton would have been relegated if he hadn't gone there when he did. He deserves something better than pressure at these times."

Royle has kept closely in touch with contacts on Merseyside, even though he left for Manchester City and then Bristol. So although he now has the interests of Bristol City very much at heart, he admits: "I still regard myself as a true Evertonian. That's why I find it depressing to see them struggling.

"I am distressed to see the crowds dwindling at

Goodison. It's not a good sign at all. But I think the side is good enough to pick up and improve. They won't win the League but they will pick up and do well overall.

"The way the 1970 side broke up so soon proved it was a one-off team. It's hard to say exactly why it happened so quickly — you would have to ask Harry Catterick that question."

Royle, perhaps like his old club, has struggled for much of the past year. He says: "It has been a very up and down spell for me in the last 12 months.

"Like Bristol City overall, I have struggled for goals. I don't know why, I wish I could put my finger on it. Perhaps I've tried too hard to put things right.

"I have been happy at Bristol and I love the West Country so it is nothing to do with that. But I would have liked my form to have been very much better in front of goal.

"But I am optimistic I shall have a happier time this season. You never know what will happen in football — a long run of bad luck can suddenly end and everything can immediately start going for you for no apparent reason. I must admit I am hoping that happens to me."

20-year men still going strong

SOMEBODY or other has estimated that the average "life expectancy" in the Football League of every player who comes into it isn't as high as three years.

What HASN'T been pointed out is that it's only one player in many hundreds who survives long enough to enjoy a 20-year career in the competition.

That's why it's an event right out of the ordinary that as many as eight who have preserved their powers to a striking degree are on the point of "scoring a score".

Two who do so this month are almost "next-door" neighbours. They are Wrexham boss Arfon Griffiths (still ready to turn out in any emergency) and Chester player-manager Alan Oakes. It was in November, 1959, that both were League debutants. Next year will find more evergreen stalwarts chalking up a score. Norwich City goalkeeper Kevin Keelan, the oldest player seen in Football League action this season, dates his League debut back to March, 1960, and it will be 20 years a month later since Swansea City's Ian Callaghan and Bradford City goalkeeper Peter Downsborough were given their baptism in the competition.

Come next August Swindon Town full-back John Trollope will celebrate 20 years of Football League activity, and Blackburn Rovers and ex-Manchester City, Wolves and Blackpool winger David Wagstaffe will do so a month later.

Trollope is the only one-club performer among the eight we've named. Perhaps it's too much to expect him to go on to match the record of the player who put in the longest service of all with one club. He was ex-England goalkeeper Ted Sagar who was on Everton's payroll for nearly a quarter-century from February, 1929, to May, 1953.

Note. — In case you aren't aware of it . . . the longest post War playing career in senior soccer was that of little Bobby Collins, the Scottish international inside-forward, who began with Celtic in season 1949-50 and finished with Shamrock Rovers in 1973-74. In between he put in spells with Everton, Leeds, Bury, and Oldham.

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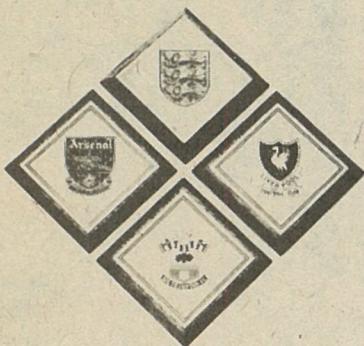
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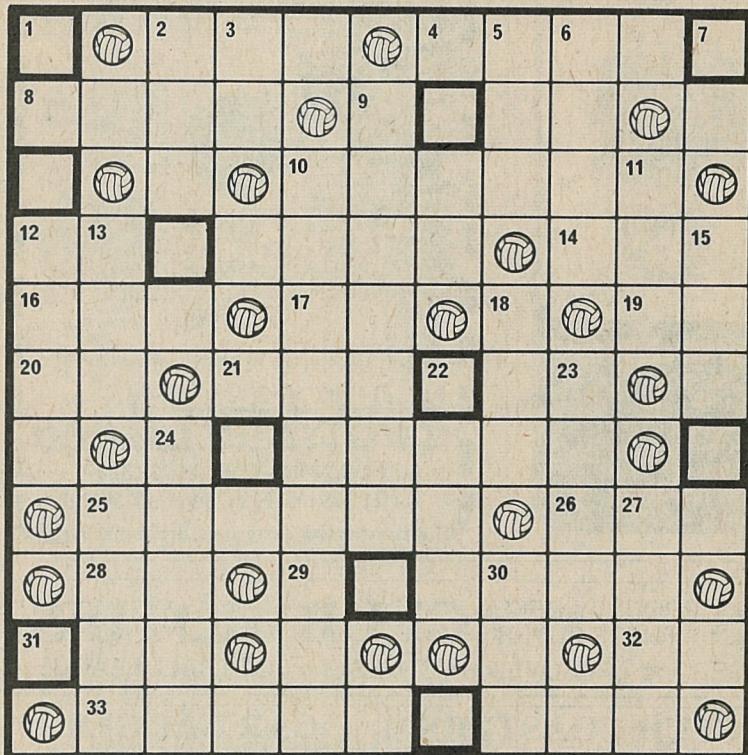
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ACROSS:

- (2) — Finney, Cambridge player.
- (4) Nationality of European Footballer of the Year, 1971, 1973 and 1974.
- (8) — Macdonald of Rangers.
- (9) Jimmy —, Liverpool midfield player.
- (10) The following of Tranmere and Doncaster, for instance!
- (12) Show better performance.
- (14) —ncheste - United.
- (16) -r-t-on Park; Portsmouth's ground.
- (17) —nfica. European Cup winners, 1960/61 and 1961/62.
- (19) Richard -on-y of Fulham.
- (20) De-- Court, Bournemouth.
- (21) Muscle connecting tissue.
- (24) Condition causing dizziness or loss of balance.
- (25) The spot from which the game starts!
- (26) Finish with level scores.
- (28) H-r-lepool.
- (29) Method . . . of play for instance.
- (31) David ---ss (West Ham). Reverse the omissions for a type of whale.
- (32) David -e-ch of Southampton.
- (33) Not feeling or expressing gratitude.

DOWN:

- (1) — Town. One of the teams who were forced to apply for re-election to the English League last season.
- (2) Entice . . . Perhaps out of position!
- (3) --ford United play at Manor Road.
- (4) — Sexton; Manchester United manager.
- (5) Employ.
- (6) Limited period.
- (7) Ron --aley, Cardiff City 'keeper.
- (9) — City, The Sky Blues.
- (10) John — of Nottingham Forest.
- (11) — Allardyce, Bolton defender.
- (13) Jimmy ---n of Bristol City.
- (15) Don —, former England manager.
- (18) Climatic condition which can cause match abandonment.
- (21) Bishop Auckland hold the F.A. Amateur Cup record with — wins.
- (22) -hi-If-el- Park (Berwick Rangers). The missing letters reversed.
- (23) ---tingham For-st.
- (24) — Field, home of Swansea.
- (25) -h--l-on Athletic . . . from The Valley.
- (27) The —, nickname of Lincoln.
- (30) — Hammers play at Upton Park.

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BRIAN GREENHOFF BACK WHERE HE BEGAN

BRIAN GREENHOFF could have joined Leeds 11 years ago when he left school. But he chose Manchester United instead.

This season, Greenhoff finally made the move back to Yorkshire — he was born in Barnsley — for £350,000.

Even then, he was reluctant to say goodbye to Old Trafford, where he had hoped to stay until the end of his career.

He says: "It would have been a wrench to leave any club after 11 years but United really were a club I would love to have stayed with till the end of my playing days.

"Now I'd like to spend the rest of my days with Leeds. I couldn't have come to a better club."

"They've proved in the past how ambitious they are. I remember the club from when my brother Jimmy was here and the only thing I recognised when I came to sign was the dressing rooms. They've changed everything else."

It came as a shock to Greenhoff when United manager Dave Sexton decided to sell him.

Prepared

He was disappointed after losing his regular first team spot last season, and being left on the bench for the F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal. But he was prepared to battle his way back.

He says: "I realised Dave Sexton was going to start this season with the team that played at Wembley but we had a chat about things and agreed to leave things for a couple of months to see if I could win my place back.

"The next thing I knew, I was having talks with West Ham. Their manager John Lyall impressed me but I wanted time to think the move over.

"While I was considering it, Leeds came in for me and there was really no choice then."

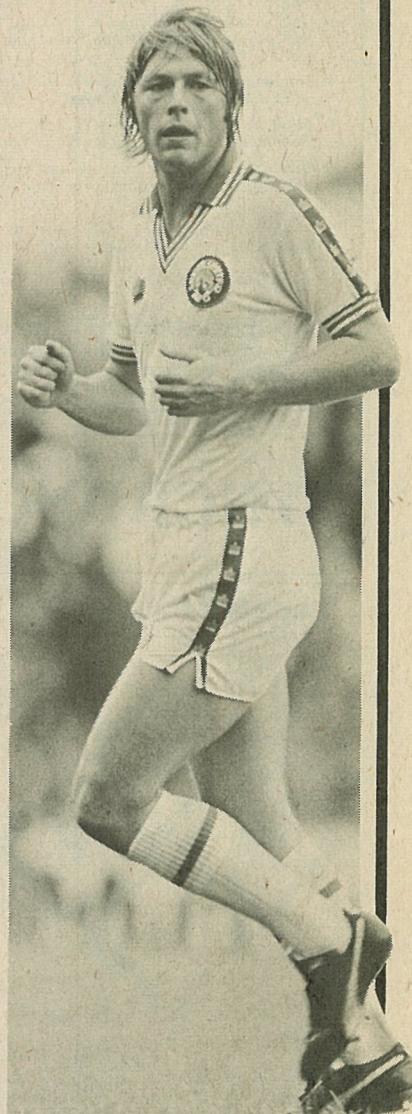
"As well as being a First Division club, they're almost as near to my home as Manchester United. I didn't really want to move house."

Greenhoff says it took him almost a week to adjust to the fact he was no longer wanted at United.

"I had to say to myself: 'Come on, you've got to go. Are you ambitious or not?'"

One of the reasons Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson was quick to snap up Greenhoff was his ability to play in several positions.

He filled in lots of different roles



at Old Trafford and reckons his versatility counted against him.

"I played centre-half, midfield, right-back — I even had a few games at centre-forward when they were desperate in 1978-79."

"With all the injuries at United last season, I think the manager was glad to have me around."

"But in the end, my ability to fill in for other players rebounded against me because I never had a place I could call my own."

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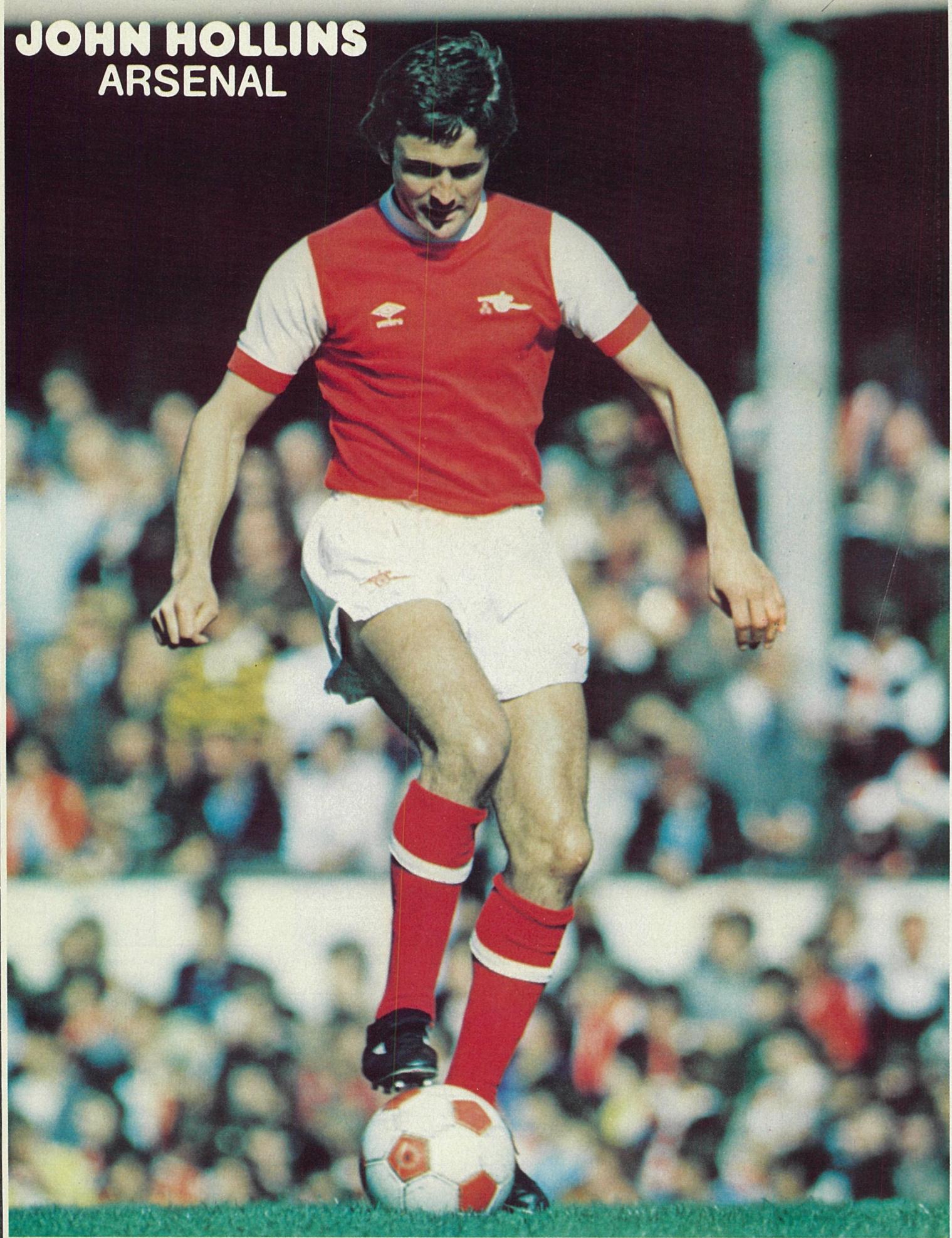
It's good to see John Richards back in action again after his injury problems. The 29-year-old Wolves striker now forms what is arguably the deadliest scoring partnership in the League with Andy Gray, and despite the pair's lack of fitness and match practice, the goals have been coming fairly regularly. Manchester United wouldn't argue about the merits of Richards and Gray; both players scored against The Reds at Molineux . . . here we see John scoring from close range which squeezes home, despite the attempt by Arthur Albiston to clear.



GOAL-KING RICHARDS



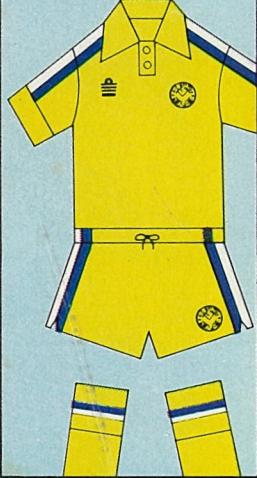
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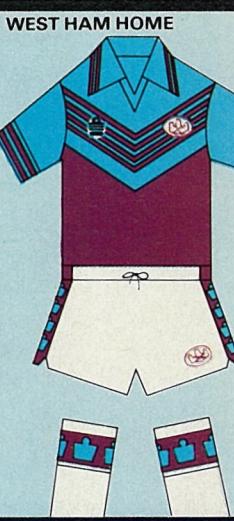
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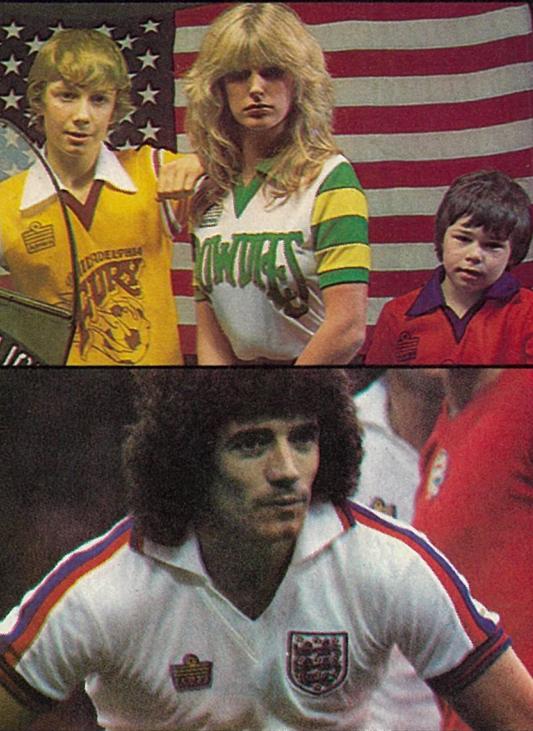


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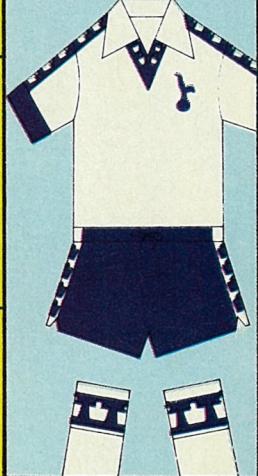
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In world football the import-export business is booming. Common Market regulations insist that footballers, like other workers, should be free to travel. And the opening of England's frontiers to foreign players has created an important new market where the world's intermediaries are gleefully trying to insert a wide variety of well-known, little-known and totally unknown footballers. The clubs are more than happy to play ball, as the fees asked often seem like clearance sale bargains compared with Andy Gray and company.

At the same time, foreign clubs have been eyeing British talent and, despite the high fees, people like Kevin Keegan and Laurie Cunningham have already crossed the Channel in search of new challenges and big money.

And now two "legal" moves threaten to give the whole international transfer market a big shake-up . . .

In the first place, the Americans are certain to be marauding on a big scale in the transfer market following the end of the loan system that has allowed them to borrow so many British players during our close season. They can now be expected to attempt a large number of permanent signings, though it remains to be seen how many British players would be happy at the prospect of a permanent move across the Atlantic.

The other important move is that the Italians will be re-opening their frontiers next season after 15 years of closed-shop legislation.

In the years before the Italians put a stop to imports of foreign players there was a constant stream of top British stars to the land of catenaccio and cannelloni.

Jimmy Greaves, Denis Law, Gerry Hitchens, John Charles and a number of others succumbed to the lure of the lire, and the tradition could be continued now that import restrictions are once again to be lifted.

Italy's top clubs are rubbing their hands with glee at the prospect of

his Brazilian counterpart, Zico.

Others on the list include French number one Michel Platini and West German stars Hansi Müller and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. Other clubs have already been talent-spotting in South America, where prices tend to be a good deal lower than in Europe.

Perugia, who've only got Paolo Rossi on loan for one season, have taken an option on Argentina's leading scorer Sergio Fortunato; Fiorentina want Independiente wizard Ricardo Bochini; and Napoli have approached his Argentine international team-mate Norberto Outes.

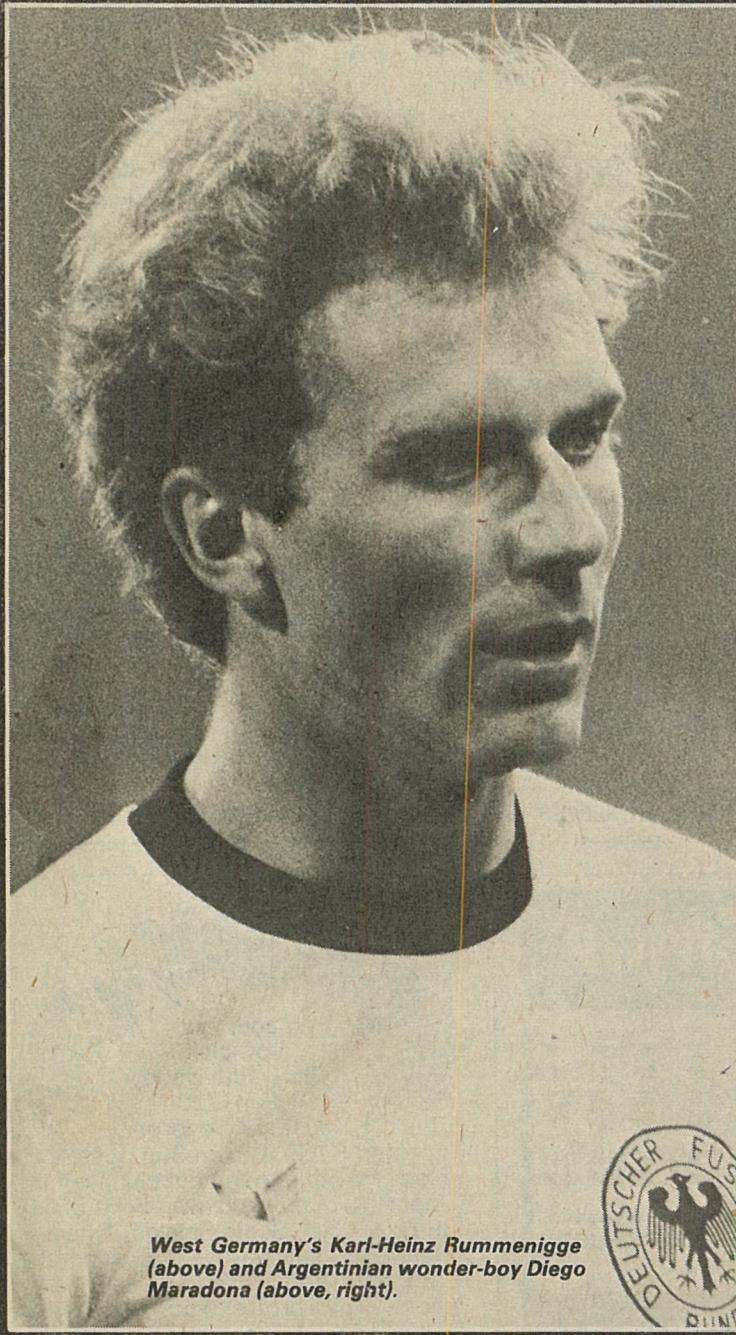
The list goes on and on . . . and fans the world over are nervously wondering if the Americans and Italians will sweep away all their idols for a fistful of dollars or lire.

Strangely, British fans can maybe rest easier than most. The sudden crazy price-spiral of the last 12 months has put our top players beyond the reach of all but a handful of Spanish and Italian clubs.

What's more, British lack of success in recent World Cups and European Championships has meant that even names like Steve Daley and Andy Gray are barely known across the water.

Taking an even closer look at the Italians' shopping list, one begins to wonder exactly how many of the world's top players will actually be available to them.

Diego Maradona, for example, has been described by Argentina manager César Luis Menotti as "a



West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (above) and Argentinian wonder-boy Diego Maradona (above, right).



ITALIANS READY TO POUNCE?

being able to pick up some big name crowd-pullers at what for them will be bargain-basement prices.

For during the 15-year ban on imports the law of supply and demand have meant rocketing prices for any home-grown player who shows his head anywhere above the cloud of mediocrity — a pattern that's now being repeated in England.

Lanerossi Vicenza value Paolo Rossi at £3,000,000; Antognoni tops £2,000,000; little-known Lazio striker Giordano is rated at £1,750,000; and a host of "ordinary" players like Buriani, Altobelli and D'Amico are valued at or slightly above the Andy Gray level.

Italy's top clubs reckon that, for this sort of money, they can fare better by scooping up as much of the world's top talent as possible — and their shopping lists are impressive.

Juventus want Kevin Keegan and Holland's Golden Boot winning striker Kees Kist. In Milan they're talking of Argentinian wonder-boy Diego Maradona and

national asset and therefore totally untransferable", and the Brazilians have said much the same about Zico, even though his club Flamengo would certainly welcome the cash.

On the European scene, outstanding, world-class players are sadly lacking.

Some Britons fear that the rich Italian clubs will be able to afford the British players that our own clubs haven't got the cash to buy! But let's put our hands on our hearts and ask ourselves how many world-class players we can muster?

Even superb players like Kenny Dalglish have rarely produced the goods at international level with the world's eyes on them.

The Italians may decide to gamble on British youngsters, just as Real Madrid have gambled in signing Laurie Cunningham — a winger with just three international caps to his credit.

Only time will tell, but the Italians may well start their international shopping with loads of lire . . . and find nothing to spend them on!

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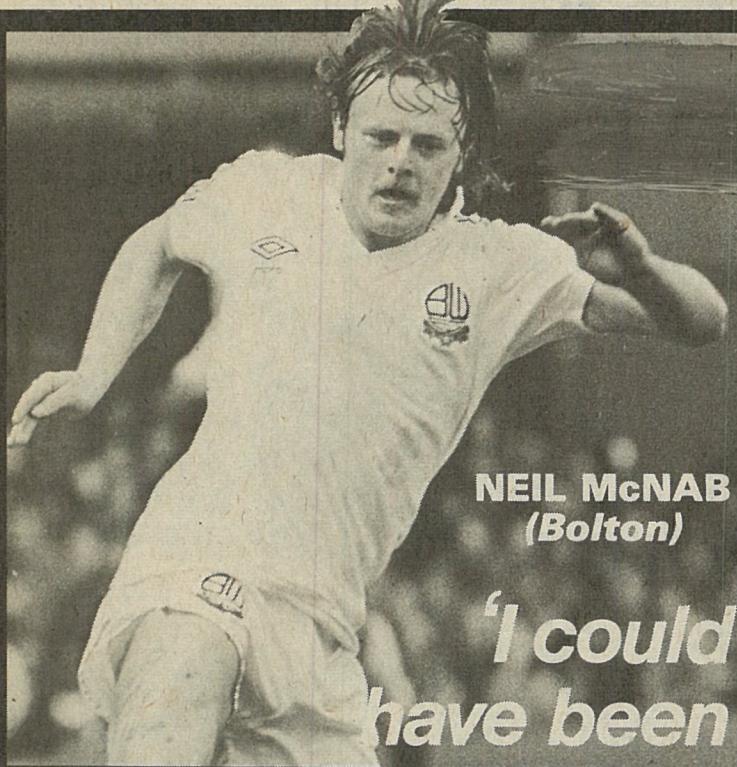
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NEIL McNAB
(Bolton)

'I could have been a success at Spurs'

NEIL McNAB goes back to White Hart Lane for the first time since his £250,000 transfer a year ago, admitting to a great feeling of frustration.

McNab, who left Tottenham for Bolton after failing to command a regular first team spot, says: "I am convinced I could have done a job for Tottenham."

"It was me who wanted away and it's funny in that I do and don't regret leaving. I have a lot of good memories from my time at Tottenham but I enjoyed it immensely, apart from when I couldn't get into the first team."

It was that failure to play regular football plus the arrival of the Argentinians which impeded further young McNab's chances of a senior place, that convinced the young Scot to move on. "I felt then and I still do feel that the manager broke up the side that won promotion, far too soon."

"Players were allowed to leave when they could have still done a vital job for Tottenham. Pat Jennings and John Duncan were two excellent examples, and I feel I could have become a useful player to them."

"I could have done much better for the club if I had stayed and won a regular place in the first team. But the side that won promotion for the club was never really given a chance to prove it was good enough for the First Division and that was a major disappointment to me and some other players."

"I feel if that side had stayed together, it would have done really well in the First Division because we knew each other's play so well and were a real TEAM. But the boss broke it up prematurely in my opinion and Tottenham haven't done as well as they could have done."

"The arrival of the Argentinians has brought in more fans to the ground but the side hasn't progressed as much as I thought it might do. They paid out a lot of money for Ardiles, Villa, Lacy and others — over £1m — and only recently have started to show real form."

Nevertheless, McNab feels he has nothing to prove to the Tottenham players or supporters when Bolton go to White Hart Lane this Saturday.

"The fans were always great to me and they know what I'm capable of," he says. "I'm looking forward to going back there."

"I think it's always nice to return and see old favourites and colleagues but this time, we will have a real job on our hands. Spurs are starting to improve and we need points to climb away from the bottom area."

'Climbing'

"It's been disappointing for us but we must start climbing soon. This match would be a good one to do well in but it will be hard for us."

"I'd like to play well there and help Bolton get at least one point. It will be a strange feeling playing there and I will be nervous."

"We are assured of one thing — a taste of that great atmosphere at White Hart Lane. It really is electric and you realise it even more when you play for another club other than Spurs."

"Possibly, there are only two other clubs with that sort of atmosphere; Manchester United and Liverpool. No other club can approach those three for sheer atmosphere. Really, there is something about those grounds and the feeling of great glories past and present is quite unique."

'Shocked when Hammers sold me'

KEVIN LOCK
(Fulham)

KEVIN LOCK grew up as a true West Ham youngster among the great Upton Park names such as Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters. Lock, who went to Upton Park straight from school as a 15-year-old kid, was tipped to become the 'new Bobby Moore' in the West Ham side.

But, as often happens in the tough, harsh world of professional football, things didn't work out. And West Ham is now so much out of the blood of Kevin Lock that when Fulham entertain The Hammers in a West versus East London derby match this weekend, Lock says: "It won't mean anything special to me."

That's a startling admission for a man who spent nine years at the ground they call one of the homeliest in the Football League.

But Lock, as he prepares for this weekend's match against his old side, says: "Most of the sentiment has gone — a long time ago. I won't even know many of the side because it has changed around so much. Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking I knew well and may have a chat with. But apart from them and perhaps a couple more, all the other Hammers will be new faces to me."

Costly

Lock left West Ham just after they had been relegated from the First Division. And despite some costly outlays, the famous East Enders still haven't forced their way back into soccer's elite.

"Yes, it does in a way," he says. "I thought they would go straight back up last season but the injury to Trevor Brooking at a crucial time, seemed to knock the confidence out of them."

"But the fact is, it is harder to get out of this Division than almost any other."

"The Second Division is nothing like the First; you've got to battle your way out and that wasn't West Ham's style when they came down."

The departure of Kevin Lock from Upton Park shocked a lot of people at the time. "When I first heard they wanted to get rid of me, I was stunned," he recalls.

"But once I had got over that, I felt it might be a good thing because my future wasn't exactly assured there. I felt it was better to go somewhere else."

Lock says that it seems longer than 18 months since he moved across London. He still lives in Essex at the home he had when he was with West Ham but now commutes across the heart of London, each day.

"There really won't be much sentiment at all about this week's game as far as I'm concerned," he says. "It's just a match and another one we have to try and win."

"We have had a disappointing run recently after quite a good start so we need to get back on the right path. This match provides us with another chance to pick up some points and that's what we intend to do."

"We took three points out of four against West Ham last season and something similar would suit us this time, too."

"West Ham? I can't really dis-



cuss their chances of going up this season because I haven't seen the new-look side. But I'm only really concerned about Fulham."

"Obviously, we don't have the tradition of West Ham because we don't get the same support. Their gates haven't really dropped since they were relegated from the First Division."

"We haven't been doing it in front of goal and haven't been tight enough at the back in recent weeks; that has been the reason for our slump. We haven't done well in those two vital areas. But I hope we start to get some points against West Ham. Not because it's them but because two points is good against any side."

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This week's Star Letter comes from Brian Lewis of Widnes in Cheshire, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

'DISREPUTE' CHARGE FOR MACARI?

★ Manchester United's Lou Macari was interviewed on Match of the Day about two incidents in their game against Ipswich. Regarding the penalty, Lou said that Micky Thomas is a good diver; and then he agreed that he had obstructed Frans Thijssen in the build-up for United's goal.

If this isn't a case of bringing the game into disrepute, I don't know what is.

I remember Liverpool's Phil Thompson being fined under this charge for his remarks about the penalty which won Forest the League Cup in 1977-78.

Macari, like Thompson, was honest and this is always to be admired. Like it or not, gamesmanship, professionalism, conning — call it what you like — is part of football. It's up to referees to spot it ... and, perhaps, managers to fine their players accordingly. I'd be interested to hear Macari, a player I admire, when United lose a game under similar circumstances.

Top Hatters

EVERYONE talks about Liverpool, Forest and Manchester United, but in my view one club has a far more remarkable story during the 70's ... Luton Town.

It was only a few years ago that The Hatters had to sell Peter Anderson to a Belgian club to survive. Now, they are top of Division Two and able to compete in the transfer market.



That's another fine mess you're in, Stanley! Everton's Garry Stanley (no. 8) and Terry McDermott (no. 10) just before the Anfield sending-off.

In David Pleat, they have a first-class, if still relatively unknown manager. And next season Town could well be back in the First Division.

ALEX GIBBINS, BROMLEY.

● It's always good to see the smaller clubs doing well. Full marks to everyone at Luton — and former boss Harry Haslam — for what's happened at Kenilworth Road.

Wood brilliant

As an Evertonian, I was very happy with the 2-2 draw we got at Anfield. It was a lively, entertaining game with three good goals, two offside goals and a tragic own-goal. There was also a very ugly 15 seconds which resulted in Garry Stanley and Liverpool's Terry McDermott being sent-off.

I did not expect reporters to dwell on this unfortunate incident, but to my dismay and disgust the issue was spotlighted on the radio and in the papers.

The good play, not to mention the goals and brilliant saves by George Wood, were only commented on briefly.

Neither player should have been sent-off. The ref should have called both captains together and booked Stanley and McDermott.

To spotlight the sendings-off was wrong. Surely people want to hear about the good things in football?

CLARE DOBSON, KNUTSFORD.

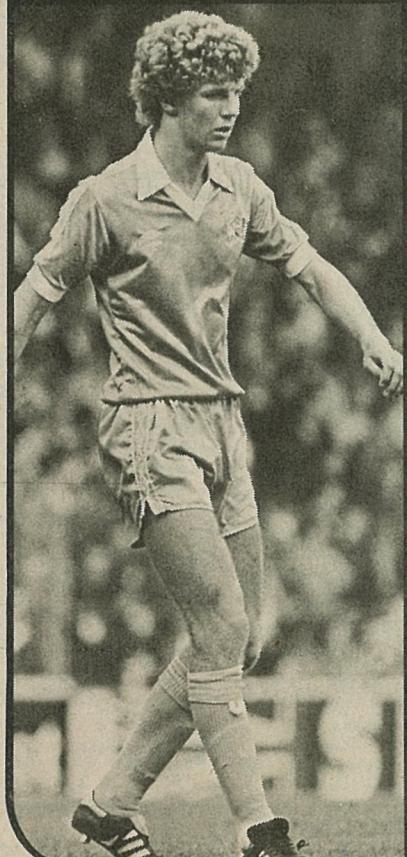
● They were the first players sent-off in a Merseyside derby in over 80 years, so the unfortunate piece of history was bound to attract attention. Violent conduct should always be punished by a red card; if more referees were as firm, soccer's hard men would soon be out of business.

THE RIVALRY between the two Manchester clubs has been more intense than ever this season, with United chasing the Championship and City trying to put together the pieces of their new team and stay clear of the lower regions of the First Division.

'More'



Steve Coppell (above) scored twice at Maine Road last season, but City's young Tommy Caton (left) could make things hard for United this time.



at Old Trafford recently for a reserve match against Bolton.

I know vouchers were issued for this season's F.A. Cup-ties, but even so, that was incredible support for such a fixture.

Now, before readers accuse me of being too biased, let me say I have a soft spot for Man City and always have had.

I would welcome any honours that come their way ... as long as they aren't at the expense of United.

A successful City and United can only be good for Manchester and the game in general.

Although the intense rivalry is mainly confined to the fans, I have noticed several of the United lads getting more keyed up than usual for our game at Maine Road this Saturday (November 10th).

I can't really describe the atmosphere in the city at the moment. You've really got to live in the area to realise just how important the

derby day blues for City'

match is to the people. They demand victory on the day.

Naturally I look forward to the game, but really it doesn't mean all that much more to me than any other First Division clash.

This weekend's match has created more tension than in the past few seasons because of the present situations of the two clubs.

United must at least draw to maintain our challenge at the top of the League, while a victory for City will make people sit up and take notice of Malcolm Allison's young, inexperienced team.

A win for City will be almost like handing them ten points. Yes, it will mean that much to them.

I suppose all the comings and goings at Maine Road these past few months have provided as much a talking point in the Press and the bars and clubs as United's tremendous start to the season.

You can gauge the intensity of feeling among the Manchester public by Big Mal's need to ask fans to "get off the team's back".

Even Allison himself, a man used to controversy and adverse publicity, has been showing signs of the pressure.

The trouble is, most fans just go on results. They don't realise what goes on behind the dressing room door . . . the hard work, courage and heart-aches needed to rebuild a team.

I suppose the reaction of some City fans is understandable when you consider popular players such as Asa Hartford, Dave Watson, Peter Barnes and Gary Owen were allowed to leave the club.

Sure Malcolm Allison has sold some real class players, but as I've said in the past the worse thing a manager in any business can do is to try and hang on to unhappy staff.

I don't know Big Mal. In fact I've never spoken to him, but I'm sure he's laughed at some of the jokes circulating at the moment . . . told by United fans delighted as much by their rivals' inconsistent, uncertain progress as their own success.

"Did you know Allison offered a million pounds for Fairclough?" goes one of them. "Sure, but Coronation Street turned him down."

Or . . . "that he made a bid for Salford Van Hire? Thought it was a

famous Dutch international midfielder."

Cruel jokes? Maybe, but if you can't bring some humour into football then we are getting to a sorry state.

Anyhow, I've a feeling this new City side will have the last laugh.

Despite the selling of so many established First Division stars there is still the backbone of the old team at Maine Road — goalkeeper Joe Corrigan and defenders Willie Donachie and Tommy Booth.

They're all mates of mine, especially Willie, who has been with me so many times in the Scotland squad.

Having such great professionals as these around gives new arrivals and untried youngsters confidence and stability.

Talking of experience, City also have Poland's former World Cup star Kazimierz Deyna and one time Ipswich midfield player Colin Viljoen.

It's great to see this fine player back in action after his long series of injury problems.

Character

Then, there's captain Dragoslav Stepanovic. The Yugoslavian is quite a character who takes unbelievable chances in the box.

You look good if these attempts come off, a real chump if they don't.

I don't really know much about the other new faces such as Mick Robinson and Steve MacKenzie.

Some of the United lads played against them in Colin Todd's testimonial but I was with the Scotland squad at the time.

Tommy Caton's no stranger to me, though. Soon after I arrived at United from Leeds I presented the medals after Merseyside Schools beat Manchester Schools at Old Trafford.

Tommy played for the Merseysiders and I chose him as my man-of-the-match.

Malcolm Allison has tipped Tommy as England's future centre-half. He's a long way to go, of course, but certainly has the physique and potential to carry a tag like that.

A City player I don't know that well, but see quite a bit of, is Paul Fletcher.

We live in the same village in

Cheshire and occasionally bump into each other in the newsagents or tea shop.

Paul seemed all set to join Oldham recently, but the deal fell through. He's now back in the team and as far as I know playing well.

The big defender played in last season's corresponding game at Maine Road, along with most of the old City stars.

City were going through a sticky period and didn't really threaten a slick United side who won 3-0, with goals from Steve Coppell (two) and Andy Ritchie.

We did the double over City last term, winning 1-0 at Old Trafford. Joe Jordan was our goal-hero that time.

I've never been on the losing side in three Manchester derby matches and don't intend to end that run on Saturday. But I'm not as confident

of victory now as I would have been a month ago when City were struggling to stay off the bottom of the table.

So many players will be making their Manchester derby day debuts this weekend, the game should be quite an occasion.

Players such as Ray Wilkins and Ashley Grimes for United . . . and practically the whole of the City team.

Well, that's all for now. See you again in two week's . . .



Malcolm Allison and Tony Book have made a lot of changes at Maine Road.

Editor, Focus



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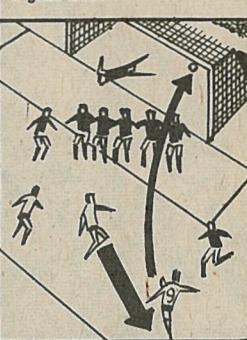
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A goalkeeper crashes into a goalpost causing the posts to fall to the ground. The ball is then headed into goal. After the posts have been repaired should you: (a) award a goal, (b) drop the ball or (c) restart with a goal-kick?



2

Taking a free-kick inside the defender's penalty-area an attacker passes the ball back to a teammate who shoots it into the goal. Should you: (a) award a goal, (b) retake the kick or (c) a goal-kick?



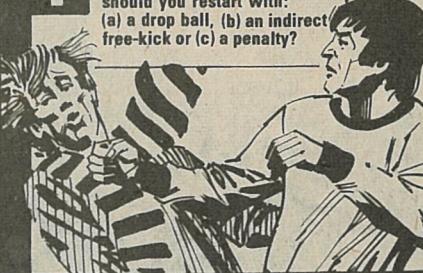
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You have just signalled the end of a game. The captain grabs the ball from you and presents it to a team-mate for scoring a hat-trick. Should you: (a) take no action or (b) caution the captain and insist the ball is returned to you?



4

A player, in his own penalty-area, strikes a spectator who has run on the pitch. After sending the player off, should you restart with: (a) a drop ball, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a penalty?



5

A defender, in his own penalty-area, viciously charges an opponent when the ball is not within playing distance. Should you award (a) an indirect free-kick or (b) a penalty?



ANSWERS

1. Drop the ball (b). 2. Award a goal (a). 3. Caution the captain and insist the ball is returned to you (b). But I must say although I am sure the referee would be able to point out to the captain that he must take the ball back to the dressing room and it can then be given to the scorer. 4. An indirect free-kick (b). 5. A penalty (b).

TOMMY CRAIG went down to go forward

TO MMY CRAIG, Swansea City's midfield schemer who was enticed away from First Division Aston Villa by the persuasive tongue of John Toshack, admits: "When Swansea first suggested a transfer, I dismissed it out of hand.

"I didn't even give them a thought. John Toshack made the offer but there was no way I was going to drop down a Division."

Bearing all that in mind, it was a supreme tribute to the persuasive powers of 'Tosh' that Craig signed on the dotted line.

"When I had finished talking to John, I began to think maybe the move could be good for me says Tommy.

John Toshack had, after all, played for Liverpool for eight years and in that time, had picked up good habits.

"I felt that if I joined him I would, without a doubt, become a better player even though I was dropping down a Division.

"Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith, John Mahoney and my old Villa colleague Leighton Phillips were there, and they couldn't all be wrong, so I signed."

Craig's 18-month stay with Aston Villa was not the success that he and manager Ron Saunders had hoped.

"I didn't fit into Villa's pattern of play," says Craig. "And although I tried to change my style of play, it didn't work out. I had several long chats with Ron Saunders about the problem and he was very patient. But it was strange that Ron had been trying to sign me since his Norwich days — he couldn't have known much about the way I played.

"It was in both our interests for me to move but I was disappointed to leave the club. It has a great tradition and tremendous support and with that sort of backing they should always be in the top five in the League. But somehow they never quite made it.

"Villa play what I call 'hopeful football'. They are a team in a hurry; they transfer the ball from the back to the front too quickly.

"Andy Gray scored goals for Villa because he is a brave guy. He would go for impossible balls which invariably resulted in injury. The side would occasionally win by four or five goals, but because their style is unpredictable, they will always lose more than win.

"Successful sides like Liverpool and Nottingham Forest play controlled football. They dictate play, move the ball about in midfield and give their strikers time to move into position."

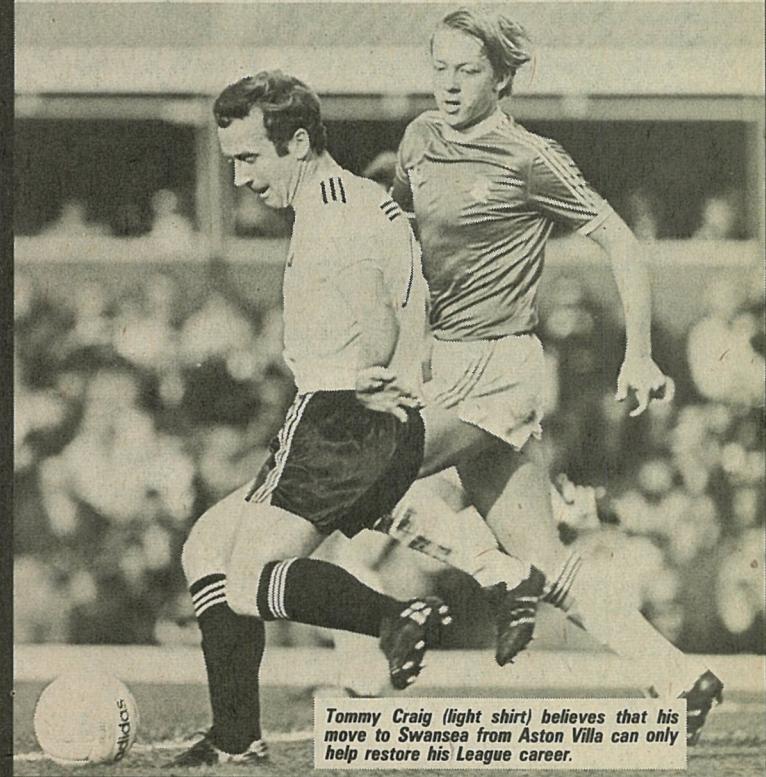
Attempts

Craig's enthusiasm for the game will mean much to Swansea's attempts to get into the First.

"It's great to be able to play my own game although I obviously have to keep within the team's scheme. We realise the importance of possession and build our attacks from midfield.

"This season, there are some poor sides in our Division; sides that are not going to be in contention at all. These are the sides from which we must take four points.

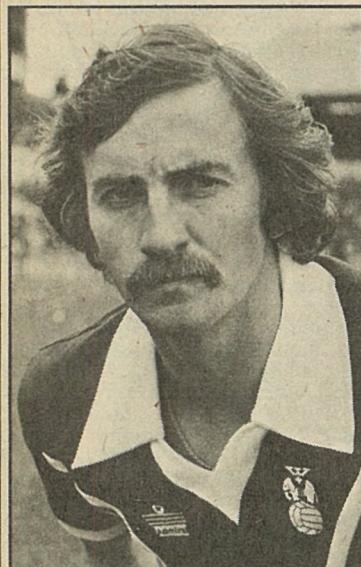
"If we can build up our confidence and string together a few wins, then we could be in with a chance towards the end of the season."



Tommy Craig (light shirt) believes that his move to Swansea from Aston Villa can only help restore his League career.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time



1. Barry Powell (above) was transferred from Coventry City to which club for £350,000?

2. Is Glenn Roeder (right), Ian Gillard, or Tony Currie captain of Q.P.R.?



3. Portsmouth's biggest home League gate of the season so far saw Pompey beat Bradford City 4-1. Was the attendance 21,871, 23,871, or 25,871?

4. Dave Watson's debut for Southampton turned into disaster when they were beaten 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0 by West Bromwich Albion?

5. Who missed a penalty for Crystal Palace during their 1-1 home draw with Bristol City recently?



6. David Moss has been scoring regularly for which Second Division club this season?

7. After the games played on Saturday, October 20th, which clubs were bottom of the (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third, (d) Fourth and (e) Scottish Premier Divisions?

8. Which Arsenal striker had a transfer request turned down recently?

9. Which England international — Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence or Trevor Brooking — has recently released a book called 'Against The World'?

10. True or false? Norwich City full-back Kevin Bond made his League debut for his father's former club, Bournemouth?

11. Which Scottish clubs play at ... (a) Douglas Park, (b) Firs Park, (c) Stark's Park and (d) Recreation Ground?

12. Wilf Rostron was transferred from Sunderland to which other Second Division club for around £150,000?

13. Aston Villa goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer (left) has played for two other League clubs on a permanent basis. Can you name them?

14. Which West German club eliminated Aberdeen from the U.E.F.A. Cup this season?

15. Rodney Marsh, ex-Q.P.R., Manchester City, Fulham and England, finished his career in America with Los Angeles Aztecs, Tampa Bay Rowdies or the Cosmos?

ANSWERS:

1. Derby, 2. Glenn Roeder, 3. 23,871
4. 4-0, 5. Mike Francis, 6. Luton
7. (a) Town, (b) Ipswich, (c) Burnley, (d) Crews, (e) Hibs, 8. Alan
9. Keegan, 10. Keeegan, 11. Alan
12. Hamilton, 13. East Stirlingshire, 14. (a) Rotherham, (b) Bradford, (c) Fleetwood, (d) Alfie, 15. Tama Bay Rowdies.

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Jumbled Name: PHIL HOADLEY.

SCOTLAND'S FIRST

**SHOOT studies the players
North of the border likely
to be sold for this record
transfer figure between
Scottish clubs.**



A DECADE ago Scottish soccer was rocked with the news that Rangers manager Davie White had spent the remarkable sum of £100,000 in buying Hibs' striker Colin Stein.

It was a huge amount of cash as the Ibrox men splashed out to beat Everton in the race for Stein's signature. Stein, of course, immediately became the costliest player in Scottish soccer history and the critics warned that Rangers had opened the floodgates in the transfer market.

Astonishingly, though, only FIVE players have since cost more than £100,000 to Scottish clubs. In current terms that is a breathtaking statistic.

Hibs broke the Rangers record when they paid out £120,000 to Everton for Joe Harper seven years ago. That record stood until Celtic topped it by a mere £5,000 at the start of last season when they bought the talented and tenacious Davie Provan, a right-winger of immense ability, from Kilmarnock.

This season that, too, was pushed out of the history books when St. Mirren bought Frank McDougall from Clydebank for £150,000. Rangers equalled that when they brought sweeper Gregor Stevens back to Scotland from Leicester City. The Ibrox men included young reserve striker Derek Strickland as part of the deal. And Dundee United paid another £15,000 to secure Eamonn Bannon from Chelsea.

Harper, Provan, McDougall, Stevens and Bannon are among the elite, then, when you look at the Scottish football scene. In fact, only another six players have swapped clubs in Scotland for six figure fees.

The £100,000 men are Davie Cooper (Rangers), Murdo MacLeod (Celtic), Doug Somner (St. Mirren), Hugh Sproat and Brian McLaughlin (both Motherwell) and Willie Pet-

tigrew (Dundee United).

Transfer fees have been kept at a realistic level in Scotland, but inflation will undoubtedly bite and the question the fans are asking now is: Who will become Scotland's first home-based £200,000 player?

It's an intriguing question and we could get an answer before the end of the current season although team managers in Scotland are always swift to point out that their clubs are not made of money.

Celtic and Rangers immediately spring to mind when you are talking about big money, but the fact is that both these clubs have got to watch their cash output as carefully as the provincial clubs.

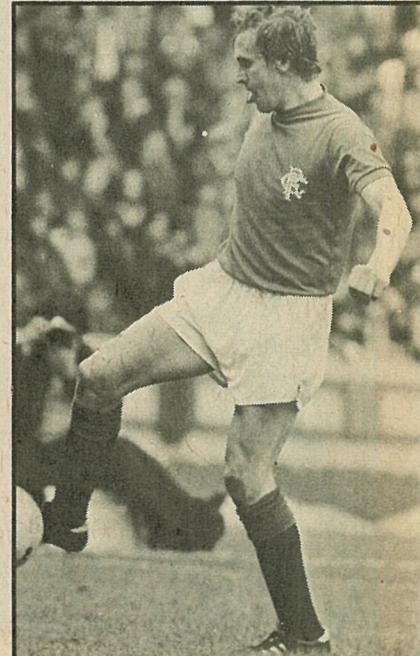
Rangers have a massive £5 million bill on the way with their ground reconstruction making Ibrox one of the most modern stadiums in Europe. Although Celtic have taken in exactly £895,000 by selling Kenny Dalglish (£440,000 to Liverpool), Davie Hay (£255,000 to Chelsea) and Lou Macari (£200,000 to Manchester United) they have also spent a lot of money, not always getting the dividend for which they might have hoped.

Alfie Conn (£65,000 from Spurs), Ronnie Glavin (£80,000 from Partick Thistle), Joe Craig (£60,000 from Partick Thistle), Peter Latchford (£40,000 from West Brom), Johnny Doyle (£90,000 from Ayr United), Frank Munro (£20,000 from Wolves), John Dowie (£30,000 from Fulham), Joe Fillipi (£15,000 plus Brian McLaughlin from Ayr), Roy Baines (£15,000 plus Andy Ritchie from Morton), Andy Lynch (£30,000 from Hearts), Vic Davidson (£30,000 from Blackpool), Dom Sullivan (£80,000 from Aberdeen) as well as Provan and MacLeod have all arrived at Parkhead over the years of rebuilding.

That little lot comes to £780,000 and if you consider that McLaughlin cost £100,000 when he joined



Airdrie's Sandy Clarke (left) and Willie Miller of Aberdeen (above), future Scottish record breakers to follow Colin Stein (right), the first Scottish six-figure signing?



£200,000 STAR?

Motherwell this season and Ritchie is now in the £200,000 plus bracket, that boosts that total.

Actually, in recent times, Celtic have blundered a bit through the transfer market. Conn, Glavin, Craig, Munro, Dowie and Baines arrived for £270,000, but left for other clubs with only £90,000 coming in to the Parkhead coffers.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill, still building for the future, hasn't been afraid to move in the transfer market. He is a shrewd operator with an up-to-date form guide on Scottish players, both on the home front AND in England.

Records

If McNeill had the cash made available to him he wouldn't be slow to set any records if he thought he was getting a player at a realistic price. McNeill is always on the look-out for players who want to play for Celtic. That's vital in any transfer dealings with Celtic these days.

Having posed the question of Scotland's future £200,000 player it is only reasonable that SHOOT takes a look into the crystal ball to see if we can take a guess at who that player might be, assuming, of course, he is made available.

Sandy Clarke, Airdrie's highly-rated striker, was the subject of a £70,000 bid by Hearts earlier this season, but the offer was immediately turned down by the Broomfield side.

Hibs, not to be outdone by their Edinburgh rivals, more than DOUBLED that offer with a £150,000 bid, but again Airdrie boss Bobby Watson said: "No deal."

"I'm glad to have the player here," says Watson. "He is doing a great job for the team, making and taking goals."

Airdrie, though, will probably have to relent if a bigger bid comes in. Clarke has made no secret of his admiration for Rangers. John Greig may be interested. Like McNeill, he is not afraid to put his money where his mouth is.

Dundee United prefer to bring on their own talent, although they are not afraid to spend as they proved with Bannon.

United, then, will not be slow to spend if the right player comes on the market. If they sell international double-act David Narey and Graeme Payne, boss McLean will have even more cash to spend, but he refuses to be held to ransom.

Modernising

And what about Aberdeen? They have paid out something in the region of £350,000 in buying Stevie Archibald, Drew Jarvie, Dom Sullivan (now Celtic, of course), Ian Scanlon, Joe Harper, Gordon Strachan and Mark McGhee and, like Rangers, they are in the process of modernising their already impressive all-seated Pittodrie ground.

Aberdeen, most certainly a club for the '80's, are to be praised for repelling big money advances in the recent past for some of their star players. Captain Willie Miller, who must be rated in the £400,000-plus class, is the rock of the defence and boss Alex Ferguson will make sure that he doesn't leave with the ease of players such as Willie Young and Martin Buchan.

Fergie, too, wouldn't be scared off by splashing out a big fee for a player he thought could do a good job for his club. When he was boss of St. Mirren he utilised the skills of Frank McGarvey and Tony Fitzpatrick. Now these players are

with Liverpool and Bristol City respectively and St. Mirren are £550,000 better off.

You can bet that Fergie will be taking more than just a passing interest in how they get on — or, more to the point, possibly don't get on — in English soccer.

There is glamour, of course, in a big transfer player, but the canny Scots, living up to their reputation, are always looking for value for money.

However, the £200,000 transfer in Scotland is just around the corner. There is no doubt about that.

The pressures of the Premier Division ensures that managers cannot always bring in their younger players with confidence. They cannot pick and choose the games in which they will play.

Now every point is a prisoner and bosses are looking for tried and trusted players. They know they will have to pay to get such players.

Any club looking for a polished performer for the left-back role would have to look no further than Firhill, where Brian Whittaker performs with dignity and consistency. Is he worth £200,000? This young defender develops week by week and last season Rangers had a £100,000-plus bid turned down by manager Bertie Auld.

Skills

His form dipped after all that speculation, but he kicked-off this term in fine form and, like Stewart, who cost West Ham £400,000 from Dundee United, he is a back-four player with the skills of an old-fashioned inside-forward.

Yes, he is worth £200,000, but, at the same time, it is unlikely that a home-based club would pay so much for a defender. It is much more possible that a midfielder or forward will break the transfer barrier.

It is interesting to note that of the current ten players who cost six-figure fees only two — back-four man Stevens and goalkeeper Sproat — are in defence.

SHOOT has a sneaky feeling that the man who will become a record breaker in Scottish soccer is probably playing in English football just now!

Trends in the past have proved that some players just do not knock it off South of the border for one reason or another. It's possible that one of the players who have left the Scottish soccer scene over the past three or four years might be tempted back.

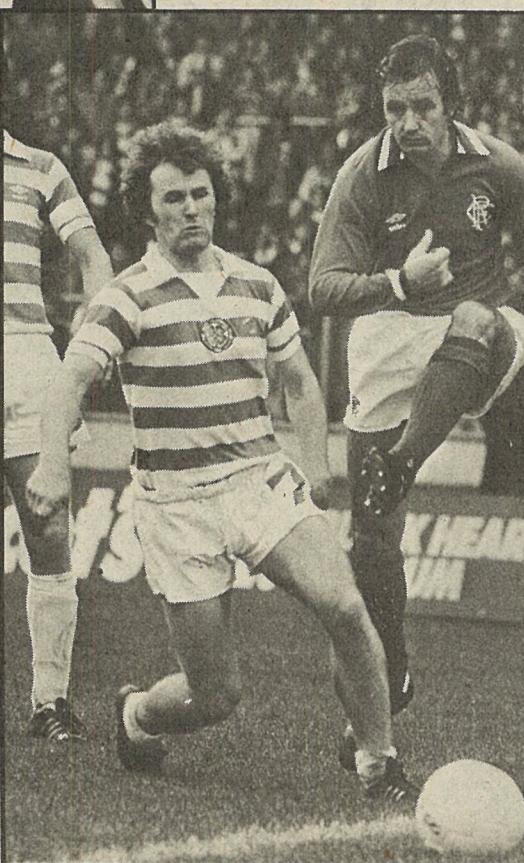
Celtic, Rangers, Hibs, Aberdeen and Dundee United are the five clubs in the race to set a new record.

By English standards that sort of cash may mean very little, but, like the Colin Stein transfer a decade ago, it will be an important milestone in Scottish football.

And we predict it will be set this season!



Frank McDougall cost St. Mirren £150,000, £25,000 more than Celtic's Dave Provan (right).



IT was in 1966 that Sir Alf Ramsey, then manager of England's triumphant World Cup winning team, called Martin Peters a player ten years ahead of his time.

It was meant as a compliment to the tall, lean England player whom Ramsey admired so much. But so many other so-called soccer experts clearly failed to appreciate the full meaning of the England manager's remark — and it all backfired on Ramsey.

The tag clung to Peters like a lead weight, becoming ideal ammunition for his critics to fire back at him repeatedly.

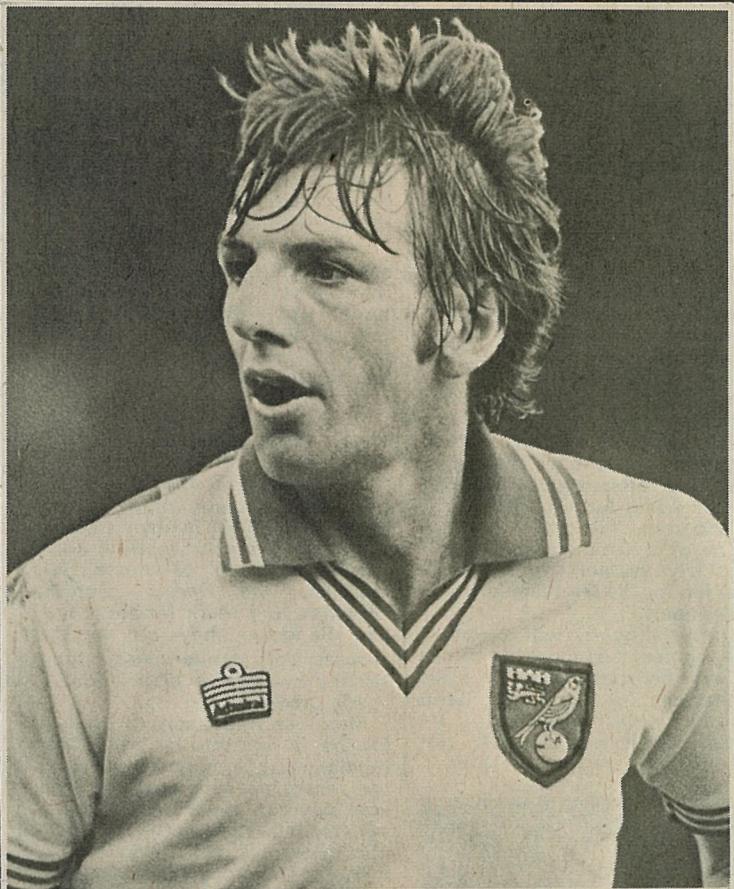
Now, 13 years on, is it right to believe that Peters is three years PAST his prime?

Nothing could be farther from the truth, because Martin, looking hardly any older than in those heady days of the 60's, appears as strong as ever.

His influence over the currently bubbling Norwich side is immeasurable.

He celebrated his 36th birthday on November 8th, and at an age when even the best players are reckoned to be on the way out, he's continuing to turn in the kind of performances that are winning him new admirers wherever he plays.

Only the other day Alan Mullery, one-time team-mate of Peters at Tottenham, now manager at Brighton, suggested that Martin could still do a job for the full



MARTIN is soccer's PETER PAN

England side.

"His performances suggest that Martin is still one of the best midfield players in the country," declared Mullery shortly before a Peters-inspired Norwich beat Brighton 4-2 at the Goldstone.

And Martin's own manager, John Bond, a long-time admirer, chipped in: "Some of the things he does still take your breath away. Martin's still a superb player — and remains almost impossible to mark."

No wonder Bond loves to recall the paltry £40,000 he paid to Spurs for Peters in January, 1975. It looked then to most people that Martin was taking the first steps to retirement. A few seasons in the outback of rural Norwich, before finally hanging up his boots.

But Bond felt different. And Martin has proved him right.

He has become a positive ageless "Peter Pan" of football.

"I'm enjoying playing even more now than when I first started out in this business," he told us.

"When I look at a lot of other players whose careers have been long over by the time they've reached my age, I realise how lucky I am.

"Most of them haven't achieved half what I have, and yet they're finished. And here I am, still in the

First Division, and loving every minute of it. Particularly as the team have started the season in such great style.

"I've got to the stage now where I treat every game as a bonus. I reckon that's why I've been able to carry on as long as I have, because I'm still totally in love with the game.

"Obviously, I'm not as spritely as I used to be," he went on. "For instance, I can't keep up with the 18 and 19-year-olds like I used to."

Then, with a wry smile and a tap of the head, he said: "But this old head of mine has seen it all. It's packed with the kind of experience which enables me to read situations early, and work out the odd short-cut to see me through.

"The training's no problem, either, because we don't do too much actual physical work down here in Norwich. The emphasis is very much on perfecting skills with the ball, which obviously suits me down to the ground."

Peters attributes much of his latter-day acclaim to the fact that he's playing a different kind of midfield role to that which brought him 67 full England caps, and 21 goals for his country.

They used to call him "The Ghost" because of his uncanny ability to turn up un-noticed in

goalscoring positions.

Now, because his legs aren't so nimble, he's operating as a midfield schemer.

"It means I've substituted much of the blindsight running I used to do, in favour of doing more work on the ball," Martin explained.

"I'm very much the link-man nowadays. Collecting the ball from deep in defence, and using it to get the attacks going.

"That's probably why people seem to appreciate me more. Because they actually see more of me.

"It's a role I'm enjoying very much. First, because it's given me a new challenge, and secondly, because it means I'm far more involved in the game than I used to be."

It was the prospect of even greater involvement, by way of entering soccer management, that led Martin to making what turned out to be an unsuccessful bid for the vacant boss's chair at Orient, a couple of seasons ago.

"At the time, it was a position which appealed to me very much," he said.

"Going back to my old stamping ground in the East End, and working with a very young outfit, would have suited me down to the ground."

"However, since then I've signed a new three year contract here, so unless something particularly appealing comes along, it'll be quite some time before I start looking around again. Even then, it'll be a player/manager's job that I'll be looking for."

Despite what appears to be a gradual return to attacking football in today's game, Martin doesn't feel that when he actually takes the plunge, he can expect the manager's lot to be any less precarious than it is now.

"So called 'failure' is still a dirty word," he says. "And by that I don't mean relegation — some clubs regard fifth or sixth place as failure."

"It's true, some teams like Norwich are putting far greater emphasis on going forward, and therefore entertaining the crowds. But it still remains that the overriding factor in English football is whether the side's a winner or not."

"For instance, when Jimmy Adamson took over at Leeds, he was quoted as saying he wanted his team winning first — then after that they could think about entertaining.

"To me, that indicates a very sad state of affairs.

"On the other hand, it's an attitude that's quite understandable in the circumstances.

"Directors and supporters seem to have this unquenching thirst for success — all the time. And it's the

manager's head that's on the chopping block if it doesn't come. Who can blame a man for safeguarding his own job?"

"Mind you, there are some managers who are prepared to stick to their own principles, through thick and thin."

"My own boss, John Bond, is one. So is my old England teammate, Nobby Stiles."

"The season before last Nobby took Preston back into the Second Division, and earned himself the virtual freedom of the city. But last term, after a poor start, the tongues began to wag. The past was quickly forgotten as the moaners had their say."

"But Nobby refused to abandon the kind of football that had taken the side up. And you've got to admire him for that."

"I'd like to think that I'd be strong enough to adopt a similar attitude in that kind of situation."

Martin freely admits that sometimes he wonders what he might be letting himself in for, when he takes up the managerial challenge. But then he points out that he couldn't live with himself if he didn't at least give it a try.

"Football's been so good to me," he said. "And still is, for that matter. Somehow it's my duty to try to give something back."

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WEIGHT: 12st 8lbs

PREVIOUS CLUB: Partizan Belgrade
MARRIED: To Luiza CHILDREN: Two daughters, Ivana 2½ and Andriana aged 1

CAR: No FAVOURITE PLAYER: Garrincha, of Botafogo, Brazil

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Popivoda, of Eintracht Braunschweig

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Leeds United 1-0 in the 1978-79 League Cup Semi-Final, second-leg. We drew 2-2 in the first-leg

BIGGEST THRILL: Being with my wife and children

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being knocked out of the League Cup by Arsenal this season

BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Switzerland and England

FAVOURITE FOOD: Musaka and Sarma

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to music MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Insincerity

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Top of the Pops and Match of the Day

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood and Lee Marvin

BEST FRIENDS: Luiza and all my team-mates at Southampton

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Jusuf Fahrudin of Partizan Belgrade. He is one of the best full-backs I have ever seen

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Long coach journeys

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four full caps for Yugoslavia

PERSONAL AMBITION: To finish studying and to become an engineer

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play again at Wembley
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A musician

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Eugenije Jeftusenko, a Russian poet

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